GENERAL MacARTHUR

The General's decision to announce his availability for the Presidential nomination was reached after careful consideration, Russell Brines reports in a special article from Tokyo. You'll find it on the editorial page.

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Weingarten Arrested In Outgrowth Of Baseball Fix

BRITAIN ENDS ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ARABS

Gambling Case Figure Is Accused Of Bribery

Virginia Hotel Scene Of Arrest

By FURMAN BISHER
Charlotte News Sports Writer

The strong arm of the law landed its second blow today in the Winston-Salem baseball gambling case with the arrest of Ed Weingarten, the baseball - banished majority stockholder of the Florence Tri-State League club and owner of the Leaksville Blue Ridge League Club, in Roanoke, Va.

Weingarten's arrest followed that of Barney DeForge, deposed Reidsville manager-pitcher, who confessed that he threw the May 14 game in Winston-Salem on which a string of gamblers reportedly made a huge haul. DeForge was arrested in Winston-Salem yesterday, today is free on a $1,000 bond.

Both Weingarten and DeForge, a veteran pitcher who appeared in Charlotte with the Durham Piedmont League club in 1939-40, were banned from Organized Baseball for life Tuesday by Minor League President George M. Trautman, after which police moved in on the case.

Detective Capt. W. R. Burke of Winston-Salem and Roanoke detectives made the arrest of Weingarten this morning in a Roanoke hotel. Weingarten waived extradition, Burke said.

Both he and DeForge will face charges of bribery, a felony, for which North Carolina law provides a prison term of from one to five years.

THREE IMPLICATED

They are two of three men implicated in the fix case by DeForge, whose testimony in Trautman's office put the finger on Weingartes. The third man, DeForge told investigators, gave his name as W. C. McWaters. The three, said DeForge, met in a Reidsville hotel May 10 to arrange the fix.

Weingarten previously had told The News that he had been "messed up in something I don't know anything about." He claimed that he had been in Greensboro at the time the supposed Reidsville meeting was taking place, and "I can get affidavits to prove it."

Tri-State League officials will hold a meeting here Sunday to dispose of his holdings in the Florence club. His Leaksville franchise was taken over by the Blue Ridge League at a meeting of the directors in Roanoke yesterday.

There were no developments as investigators continued to probe a reported fix case in the Florence-Charlotte game here May 16. Charlotte won the game, 4-2, and gamblers are said to have made a second coup betting on Florence to lose.

(Turn to the sports section for more details on the Weingarten-DeForge case, a column on the adamant Weingarten's claim of innocence and a story on the penitent DeForge's desire to clear his conscience.)

The Whys And Hows

$2 Levy May Be City's Final Rate

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Charlotte's tentative tax rate of $2 per $100, which may wind up being the final rate, was informally approved by the City Council yesterday afternoon.

The hike of 30 cents from the current rate of $1.70 is scheduled to be formally approved at next Wednesday's Council session when the tentative rate will be established so tax office assistants will be in position to start acceptance of 1948 prepayments the following week.

The record-smashing increase, boosting the rate to the highest in history, is at the moment merely tentative for the purpose of collection of prepayments. But because of present-day inflationary conditions with increased costs for everything there are indications that the new official rate will have to be fixed at approximately the $2 level.

Members of the Council, meeting as the committee of the whole, will begin a series of nigth sessions next Wednesday to whip the final budget into shape. But yesterday's discussion among the Council provided straws in the wind and indicated that if certain salary increases are to be provided and if services are to be maintained the new rate will have to be kept at its lofty position.

HIGHER COST

If the proposed increase does become final, the 1948-49 budget will reach a total of close to five and a quarter million dollars, an increase of nearly $1,000,000 over this year's budget expenditures.

The tentative budget prepared by City Manager Henry A. Yancey, calling for a total expenditure of $4,873,790.56, was filed yesterday and will be open for public inspection in the city clerk's office.

The manager's budget was based on a levy of $1.72, which included a requested 2-cent increase in the special school levy. In other words, the ad valorem revenue for municipal operations, as calculated in the manager's budget, was based on the present rate of $1.70.

2 CENTS FOR SCHOOLS

To increase the levy to $2, the municipal administrators will have 28 cents additional to count on and not 30 cents because 2 cents of the proposed increase will go to the schools.

The 28 cents increase will produce revenue of $412,300 at the rate of $14,725 per 1 cent. To this amount will be added $42,536, the surplus produced in the manager's budget.

So when the Council gets down to its deliberations of the bulky volume, there will be $454,836 of income that can be added to Mr. Yancey's tentative budget of $4,873,797. And if that amount is put into the budget the total will reach $5,-228,635 as compared with this year's budget of $4,774,355.

Mr. Yancey explained today that a hoped-for profit of $500,-000 from the ABC system was anticipated in the preparation of his budget but only $338,-448 of that half-million dollars will be available for investment in capital improvements.

If ABC stores produce a profit of $1,000,000 in the twelve months begirhing July 1, the City-County division on a 50-50 basis will not be made until 5 per cent has been deducted for the library.

That will leave $950,000 to be equally divided between the City and County governments, giving the City $475,000.

5 PER CENT TO PARKS

Of this amount, the law provides that 5 per cent shall go to the Parks & Recreation Commission. This means $23,750 must be deducted from the City's share.

And the law further provides that 25 per cent of the City's share must be earmarked for debt service, leaving $338,-448 for general municipal operations.

Mr. Yancey has arranged for expenditure of this ABC money for capital outlay and has a list of such improvements totaling $419,500 which will be partially financed by the ABC funds.

These capital investments include $53,500 for construction of the Hawthorne Lane underpass, $15,000 for the paving of Princeton Ave., $4,000 for paving the newly opened stretch of West Boulevard between Cliffrood Place and Wilmore Drive, $20,000 supplement to the cost of constructing a recreation building in Independence Park, $100,000 for cost of building an addition to the Catawba River pumping station, $100,000 for acquiring right - of - way on "setback" streets and for street paving in slum areas, $125,000 remainder of city's share in acquiring additional right-of-way for the crosstown boulevard.

MAY USE FUND

If all these improvements are to be carried out, the difference between the total cost of $419,-500 and the ABC funds of $338,-448 will have to come from ad valorem sources.

This is another item calling for a part of the additional funds which will come from the 28-cent increase.

The $2 rate will represent a 100 per cent increase over the rate for 1920 which stood at $1 per $100 valuation.

But everything has gone up. Figures recently gathered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities showed that building costs have increased in every phase of construction, over prices prevailing in 1940. These increases ranged from 60 per cent for excavation to 159 per cent for labor.

In further discussion yesterday,

See $2 LEVY on page 13-A

Sharp Cut In Foreign Aid Urged

House Committee Criticizes Plans

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A 25 per cent cut in funds for the Marshall Plan and other foreign aid programs was urged today by the House Appropriations Committee.

The committee sent to the House floor for probably hot debate tomorrow a $5,580,710,228 global assistance measure.

This is a reduction of only $553,-000,000, or 7.5 per cent, in the amount Congress itself authorized and President Truman asked.

But the effect is a one-quarter slash for this reason: The authorization law provided that the money could be spent during twelve months. But the committee said the cash it is willing to put up must be stretched out over fifteen months.

Slightly more than $5,000,000,000 of the total asked had been budgeted for use during the twelve months ending next April 3, or at the rate of $417,000,000 per month.

TOTAL TRIMMED

The committee trimmed that total to $4,663,000,000 for fifteen months, a spending rate of $311,-000,000 monthly.

Informed of the committee's action, Economic Co-operation Administrator Hoffman promptly called for the full $4,245,000,000 requested for his agency. The committee pared the European recovery item to $4,000,000,000.

"The less money we have, the less recovery we can expect to get," Hoffman told a news conference.

He said he "certainly hoped" final action by Congress would provide the full sum. With the funds already made available for ECA, that would supply the $5,300,000,000 originally proposed for the Marshall Plan.

Other funds in the bill were cut $150,000,000 with the money to be spent during a twelve-month period as originally planned.

In explaining the cuts and spreading out the spending period, the committee said the programs contemplated "will not permit the expenditure of more funds than has been provided . . . on an intelligent basis" before July 1, 1949.

Should an emergency arise before then, it added, Congress will be in session again next January to take action.

There appears to be little doubt that the House will follow the recommendation of the committee and vote the funds cuts. As usual, in such instances, the Administration will pin its hopes on the Senate to restore at least a part of the original amount asked.

The Senate Appropriations Committee plans on holding its own hearings to be ready for swift action once the House passes the money bill.

The House committee said that since July 1, 1945, the United States has provided foreign aid totaling $18,182,000,000, much of which "has been wasted," and all of which has tended to deplete this country's resources.

Some of the money asked, the report said, would permit payment of "invisible items," including interest and payments on previous debts.

CRITICIZE PLANS

The committee voiced dissatisfaction with plans for large - scale mechanization of farms abroad when steel and petroleum are scarce here.

It also said it is dissatisfied with progress in the rehabilitation of Germany and called for an early end to the prosecution of minor political offenders in that conquered nation.

The committee said it cut the Greek-Turkish fund because there are large sums left from previous appropriations for those countries and because of reports that guerrilla bands "would be substantially if not completely liquidated by the end of this Summer."

'Objectionable' Broadcast

Girls, Clothes & Skin Figure In 'Voice' Probe

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Senators digging into "objectionable" broadcasts by the "Voice of America" came up today with one that tossed around talk about girls, clothes and skin.

Stanley P. Richardson, manager of the international division for the National Broadcasting Co., was in the witness chair of the Senate investigating group.

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich) had him read the script of a broadcast last March 1 about Lake Placid, N. J.

It went like this:

"Narrator — Don't worry, you are going to have a good time. Lake Placid has such girls that it makes a guinine feel feverish.

"Voice — What are we going to see — clothes?

"Voice II — What do you mean clothes — Do you know what you are talking about?

"Voice — If this were Summer, it would be tempting. But in Winter! It's true there are such girls, but they are dressed up to here.

"Narrator — Then you're not interested in skins, right?

"Voice — Yes indeed, but not animal skins."

The broadcast was one of the Spanish - language series NBC worked up and broadcast to Latin - America under contract with the State Department.

Richardson said the Lake Placid script, as were most of the others, was the work of Rene Borgia, $100-a-week Venezuelan script writer, who eventually was fired for writing such things as "New England was founded in hypocrisy and Texas in sin."

Richardson said he had relied upon Borgia and Borgia's supervisor, Alberto Gandero, NBC Spanish language program supervisor, to keep the programs in good taste.

He and other NBC officials had testified they made no advance detailed checks upon these Latin-American scripts but assumed that the State Department was doing this and monitoring the programs.

Ferguson asked if Richardson was not responsible for supervision in NBC on the series.

"I'm responsible, that's right," Richardson replied.

He said that Borgia at first defended the questioned material as proper for Latin America and then later claimed its insertion was ordered "by Gandero and others."

"It was a very unsatisfactory explanation," Richardson commented.

William Rodgers, committee counsel, broke in to say that if Richardson was responsible then there was "dual responsibility" because the State Department also was charged by Congress with responsibility.

Movement Of Young Jews To Palestine Also Stopped

Mediator Seeks To Set Truce

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Britain shut off arms and war supply shipments today to Egypt, Iraq and Trans-Jordan in accord with the United Nations truce agreement for Palestine.

She stopped also the movement of all Jews fit for military service to Palestine from Cyprus, where 24,000 Jews have been detained. Since the British mandate ended May 15, only 500 have gone to Israel.

Fighting and bombing continued in Palestine, though both sides had agreed to a four-week armistice and arms embargo. Count Folke Bernadotte, the U. N. mediator, shuttled among the capitals of Egypt, Trans-Jordan, Israel and Lebanon in an effort to fix the exact hour for the truce to start.

JEWS CLAIM GAINS

Jewish headquarters said Israel's Army occupied several more strongholds at the approaches to the Arab stronghold of Jenin, in north central Palestine. The communique reported fighting of Jews and Egyptians 35 miles south of Tel Aviv near Isdud. Israel's drive on Jenin and Tulkarm had been checked by her own mistake in unilaterally setting a cease fire for 6 P. M. EST Tuesday.

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Arab planes, presumably Egyptian, bombed the Tel Aviv area again.

The British arms embargo in effect superseded her treaties of alliance with the Arab states. The British foreign office said each country understands that British obligations to the UN go ahead of pledges to allies. The British also supply arms to Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen—the other four nations all at war with Israel—and subsidized the army of Trans-Jordan, spearheading the invasion of Palestine.

Hungary became the tenth nation to recognize Israel.

The armistice in Palestine was expected to become effective in from three to five days.

Both sides have agreed to a four week armistice in the 20-day old war. The chairman of the U.N. Security Council, Syrian Delegate Faris El Khouri, ruled the acceptances unconditional despite the five Jewish "assumptions" and the three Arab "explanations"—poles apart. The Swedish count has been appointed as U. N. mediator to fix the moment for shooting to stop.

The Arabs said five days would be required because of poor communications to their five armies scattered through Palestine. The United States was reported ready to insist that the gun be stilled by Sunday.

The four-week armistice is parlayed with a total arms embargo to the seven Arab nations and Israel. Hatreds were so intense, and the expressed understandings of the truce conditions were so different that it was impossible to forecast whether real peace would actually come.

The best hope for peace seemed

See BRITAIN on page 13-A

Lowlands Battle On

New Strike Curbs Asked

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Top coal industry opponents of John L. Lewis asked Congress today to curb labor union powers and to outlaw pension strikes.

L. Eberle Caines, president of the National Coal Association, told the Senate-House Committee on Management-Labor Relations that strikes which endanger public health, safety and economy should be limited.

"This limitation upon the unregulated power to strike should be provided by amendment of the anti-trust acts so as to leave unions subject to the consequences of those statutes where they undertake strikes which paralyze the public economy or otherwise impair the public health or safety of any substantial area," Caines said in his prepared testimony.

He said strikes to enforce pension plans — like the six-week stoppage of the soft coal miners in March and April—should be made illegal.

"Even if the acceptance by management of such plans were not in fact coerced by the threat of a public welfare strike, they are and will continue to be contrary to the public interest and should be prohibited," Gaines said.

The joint committee headed by Senator Ball (R-Minn.) is considering possible changes in the Taft-Hartley Labor Act. These will go over until next year, however.

Lewis sent no reply to the committee's invitation to appear along with the industry representatives.

Another subject of the tangled coal situation, Justice T. Alan Goldsborough took on the role of umpire between Lewis and the Southern Coal Producers Association.

Goldsborough has called Lewis' fight with the Southern coal group a "tempest in a teapot."

The judge said he will decide tomorrow morning whether to issue an injunction against Lewis to force him to bargain with the Southern Association.

Columbia Spawns New Flood Threat

By WILLIAM PHIPPS

PORTLAND, Ore. — (AP) — The Columbia River system spawned a new flood in its headwaters today. Hundreds of miles downstream, winds whipping in from the Pacific flicked the crest of the old one over the tops of weakened dikes.

Warning of the new flood crashed like a body punch into tired residents of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia who have been battling two weeks against the river's worst rampage.

From the Canadian Rockies down the Columbia's 1,000-mile course to the sea, flood-battered cities and farm communities rallied to face the second round—all except those who have not yet won the first one.

The original crest was causing the most trouble in the heavily barricaded area around Clatskanie on the Oregon Shore and Skamokawa across the river in Washington. It was here — on the last 40 miles of its run into the Pacific—that wind-lashed waters rolled over the dikes when the incoming tide was highest.

The run-over was only one inch deep at the worst spot—on the Oregon side — and it lapped over only when the winds came. Army engineers said the water was running three-tenths of a food higher than yesterday when the critical stage arrived in this area.

DIKES HOLD

The dikes still held. Thousands of Regular Army troops, National Guardsmen and civilian volunteers worked steadily to keep building up the earthworks, stop the leakage and the crumbling.

It was touch and go. Workers strained to build up the earthworks protecting the fertile lowlands. Their fight was against property damage only. The people were evacuated days ago.

Upriver, too, the struggle against soft dikes went on around Portland even as the gears of rehabilitation finally meshed after the Memorial Day disaster of Vanport City.

Top Red Cross executives here

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House Votes Navy Bill

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A $3,-686,732,250 Navy appropriation bill for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, was passed today by the House and sent to the Senate.

Passage was by voice vote.

The measure boosts to $10,196,-672,250 the money voted by the House and Senate for the 3-hour period. Yesterday it sent the Senate a $6,509,939,000 money bill for the Army and the Air Forces.

Congress previously had voted approximately $3,200,000,000 for aircraft procurement.

Both the Army and the Navy bills were passed in the form recommended by the appropriations committee, which had cut budget estimates for the armed services by approximately $890,000,000.

The Navy bill carries funds to start work on a 65,000-ton super aircraft carrier, to be the largest in the world, and to boost Naval and Marine Corps uniformed personnel to 552,000. The Army plans to have a peak strength of 1,250,000 during the coming fiscal year.

Passage of the defense money bills leaves the way clear for House debate tomorrow on a $6,043,710,228 bill financing the foreign-aid program until June 30, 1949.

Senators Hoey and Umstead of North Carolina voted in favor of the bill.

Senator Johnston of South Carolina voted against it. His colleague, Senator Maybank, was paired against it.

Not In The Army Now

Marshall's Attitude To Congress Hit

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Sen. Millikin (R-Colo.) said today Secretary of State Marshall takes the same attitude toward Congress as he would toward a soldier "who fails to put the proper polish on his boots."

The Finance Committee chairman said Marshall, former Army Chief of Staff, has "gotten into a habit of delivering ultimatums to Congress."

The Colorado Senator's remarks came during Finance Committee hearings on the House-passed bill to extend the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act one year beyond June 12, with changes in the law.

President Truman and Marshall want a three-year extension without change. Marshall said recently it would be better to let the act expire than to enact the House bill.

Arthur Besse, representing the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, referred to Marshall's statement in testifying today in favor of the House bill.

"He (Marshall) has gotten into a habit of delivering ultimatums to Congress," Millikin commented.

"He takes the same attitude toward Congress as he would to a striker who fails to put the proper polish on his boots."

("Striker" is a term widely used in the British Army to designate an orderly).

Besse suggested that the committee take Marshall at his word and let the foreign trade act expire.

Rep. Gearhart (R-Calif.) said the foreign trade agreements act should be extended for only one year. He contended the President and Congress elected next November should shape their own tariff policy.

"This is an election year," Gearhart told the Senate Finance Committee. "A new administration will take over next year. Should it be a Republican Administration, it will want to write its own policy."

Gearhart is the author of the bill to continue the reciprocal trade law with restrictions one year.

Wholesale Food Price Index Gains

NEW YORK—(AP)—Dun & Bradstreet announced today its wholesale food price index gained another three cents in the week ended June 1, lifting the figure to $6.97.

This compared with $6.94 a week ago and $6.09 in the comparable period last year. The index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foods in general use.

Moving upward during the week were corn, oats, bellies, sugar/milk, cottonseed oil, cocoa, potatoes, steers and lambs.

On the down side were flour, wheat, rye, barley, beef, lard, butter and hogs.

The year's high occurred the week of Jan. 13 when the index stood at $7.28.

Umstead's Race Cost $11,101

RALEIGH—(AP)—Senator W. B. Umstead spent a total of $11,101.85 in his unsuccessful effort to retain his Senate seat, he reported today.

In a report filed with Secretary of State Thad Eure, Umstead said during his campaign scrap with former Gov. J. M. Broughton a total of $10,060 was contributed to his campaign fund.

These contributions included: $250 from Mrs. Umstead, $750 from Everett Jordan of Saxapahaw, $1,-000 each, from S. T. Mangum, and J. P. McGuire, both of Durham; and $500 each from Knox Massey, R. L. Brame, and Claude Currie, all of Durham, and Horton Doughton of Statesville.

Warlick Nomination Hearing Set June 8

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A Senate Judiciary Subcommittee today set Tuesday, June 8, as a tentative date for another hearing on the nomination of Superior Court Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton, N. C., to be Federal judge of the State's Western District.

A committee clerk was instructed by Senator Langer (R-ND) to ask Sim DeLapp of Lexington, N. C., chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee, to suggest today an alternate date if June 8 is unsatisfactory.

Stormy Debate Looms

5-Year Draft Plan Presented To Senate

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A five-year peacetime draft to meet the manpower needs of both the regular armed services and the reserves was laid before the Senate today as "the premium on our peace insurance policy."

This description came from Chairman Gurney (R-SD) of the Senate Armed Services Committee in a speech prepared for the opening of debate on the controversial measure.

Gurney and other GOP leaders hope to win Senate passage of the draft revival bill by early next week — possibly through extra hour sessions. But there is stormy debate and possible trouble ahead.

Sen. Russell (D-Ga) — with advance pledges of widespread Southern support—has promised to fight for an amendment that would require the services to set up segregated white and Negro units for all men who asked to serve only with those of their own race.

On top of this, Sen. Langer (R-ND), an avowed foe of the draft, said he will offer seven amendments to cripple President Truman's civil rights program.

Across the Capitol, the House Rules Committee scheduled another afternoon session in its long series of hearings to determine when a similar bill should be sent to the floor for House action.

"MUST" MEASURE

Republican leaders of both chambers have listed the selective service bill as one of only three "must" measures to be cleared before the scheduled June 19 adjournment.

Neither the House nor Senate bill makes any provision for a universal military training program. President Truman asked for this along with a temporary draft revival in his St. Patrick's Day speech to Congress spelling out a new American "stop-Russia" policy.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and mild today, tonight, and Friday. A few widely scattered thundershowers this afternoon.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today ..75
High and low last 24 hours...81-55
Sunset today ..7:32
Sunrise tomorrow ..5:09

More Weather Data on page 18-A