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LEGISLATIVE CONTROL CONGRESS FOR HOUSING LEADERS

Harmony Threatened

Hoy Says Order To Offend South

By FRANK ADAMS
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WASHINGTON—President Truman's attempt to woo the Negro vote from Henry Wallace's Progressive Party by ordering an end of racial discrimination in the Army and in Government will result in further alienation of Southern support and make more difficult the task of Dixie political leaders in holding state party lines, Sen. Clyde Hoy said at noon today.

Without the bitter castigating language of Sen. Russell of Georgia, Hoy said Truman had added to the "racial irritation" and made party harmony an extremely arduous undertaking.

"The issue has been wholly over-emphasized," Hoy said, adding that he feared it would have a dampening effect on Democratic support for local, State and Federal office.

"We are all in favor of equality of treatment in the Army, but certainly complete elimination of segregation is an entirely different matter," Hoy added, agreeing with Russell that it would be a mistake if General Eisenhower should be taken an segregation of white and black troops for a military efficiency.

The North Carolinian saw a ray of hope in Truman's order to end discriminations in that it implied a "gradual readjustment."

Land Maneuvers Too

Soviets Increase Fighter Strength

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Russians were reported by German newspapers today to be increasing substantially their fighter plane strength near Berlin.

The dispatches said also that large Soviet Summer Army maneuvers are taking place in the East-Prussian province of Thorn.

Great "62-ton Joseph Stalin III tanks, perhaps the heaviest in the world," are being tested.

The U. S. too is increasing its air power in Germany.

Inside blockaded Berlin, the captured Germans had two police chief. The Government freed Paul Markara as "un-democratic" and "German and uncooperative." The Russians ordered that his successor, Johannes Summ, be dismissed. Markara, schooled in Communist lore after surrendering at Stalingrad, had freed several hundred German men and been accused of conspiring with the Russians in the kidnapping of over 5,000 German.

HALT RAIL TRAFFIC

American and British airmen blocked rail traffic into and from Berlin. The British and American forces in Germany in retaliation for the American blockade. The Russians imposed a month ago on the Western Government spokesman expressed regret.

Western power diplomats sought means for ending the Soviet blockade. The best way to approach Russia with a new peace, it was said. The Western powers approved an agreement with German politicians.

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Men Of 25

Face First Draft Call This Fall

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershney announced today that 25-year-old men will be drafted first. Other age groups will be taken in order of their registration, he said.

Hershney made the announcement after a conference with members of the Senate and House Armed Services committees.

Hershney conferred for more than an hour with the members of the two committees.

Later he told newsmen that approximately 1,000,000 men will be processed in the first six months of the program, beginning with the 25-year-olds and working down through those in the 32 year age brackets.

Chairman Gurney (R-SD) of the Senate Armed Services Committee said that the system established by the Selective Service Board for the selection of men to be drafted in accordance with the act. Chairman Andrews (R-NY) of the House Armed Services Committee said that the system established by the Selective Service Board for the selection of men to be drafted in accordance with the act.

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Today Hershney said that if the Army should ask for 30,000 men on the first call, Selective Service probably would have to dip down into 25-year-olds to get that many. He said doubts that more than 8,000 25-year-olds are available for service.

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Filthy Playground For Kids



Chapter 9, Article 10, Section 64, City Code: "No person shall use the streets or sidewalks of the city nor the gutters between as a drain to carry off water or other fluids or liquids that have been used." But little children play around this ditch of stagnant, insect-infested water just off Palmer St. (Photo by Bill Sumner of Tom Franklin Studio.)

There Are Laws On The Books

We Have The Health Laws, But They're Not Enforced

By TOM FESPERRMAN
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"Improper garbage cans. Water-torn rinds on ground behind house."

"Stagnant water."

"Garbage bins in rear."

"Unsanitary toilet in rear, unfit for use."

"Public toilet in rear used by at least ten families, in very unsanitary condition."

And thus go the reports turned in by the Jaycees who inspected this dirty town.

There are a lot more reports. And all of them are general statements, simply listed, without color.

"Spreading of color..."

"The shade of the water standing still in the ditch along the railroad tracks at Palmer St. is a beautiful green. A painter installed water closet in rear."

INSECTS SWARM

"But the pretty greenness is misleading."

"Insects swarm around the puddle."

"It's a disgraceful spreader of sickness and death."

A nurse from the City Health Department, carrying her bag of equipment, walks by the stagnant water she leaves a shabby fact of the tracks.

"There was a little boy last night. He seemed better this morning."

"Is there any worse neighborhood than this one in your county?" asked her.

"WORST I EVER SAW"

"The worst I ever saw. I don't know what you're getting at, but I've got to get some of the places cleaned."

"Most of 'em need to be torn down."

"This is an ordinance in the City Code that could tear them down, all right. It's Article 24, Chapter 9."

It's powerful.

It says the City Council finds that things are done about it. Here it says that the Council finds as a fact that there are houses in this town that are unfit for habitation."

WHAT IT MEANS

And then it proceeds to say what should be done about it. Here it is, balled down into plain English.

An inspector is appointed. He's given the power to conduct a hearing when there's a proper complaint about a certain allegedly unwholesome house.

After a hearing, if the property owner can have his house in better order repairs and alterations made to the house so the inspector can find that the house is indeed unfit for human habitation.

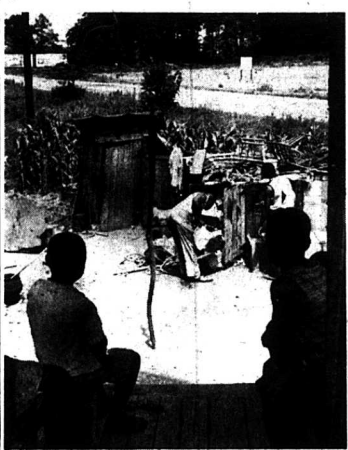
He can then order repairs and alterations made to the house so the inspector can find that the house is indeed unfit for human habitation.

If the owner does not want to make the repairs, the inspector can order the house torn down.

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Chapter 7, Article 24, Section 24, City Code: "A dwelling shall be inspected by the inspector to be unfit for human habitation, or a dangerous building, and he shall so find, if the same does not have minimum facilities consisting of..."

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\$50 DAILY FINE

If the order isn't carried out, the owner gets fined \$50 for every day he disregards the order.

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Lawmakers Get Request From Truman

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman asked a politically-hostile Congress today to throw a legislative barrier in front of rising living costs which "are not taking time off for the election."

Mr. Truman told the Republican-dominated House and Senate that the people are demanding action on two things:

and second, to check in meeting the acute housing shortage.

Calling for a direct and decisive attack on inflation, the Chief Executive laid down an eight-point program as a must for the legislators. These included: An excess profits tax, limited price controls with power to hold wages in curbs on credit, rents and commodity speculation.

Failure of the Government to act promptly to curb high prices might bring "economic collapse in this country."

That, Mr. Truman said, is what the Communists, both here and abroad are counting upon to bring about another great depression in this country would blast "the world's hope for a lasting peace." He said "world peace depends upon the strength of our economy."

Mr. Truman said he was calling the lawmakers back to expect them to take immediate and direct action. After outlining his program, he threw in this sentence:

"I hope there is no misunderstanding of the recommendations I have made."

There was only passing reference in Truman's message to the situation but he did refer to "these tense days, when our strength is being tested by the world's IGNORANT DIFFERENCES."

If the President felt any concern over the differences existing between himself and the Congress, he expressed it in his appearance and in his words. His message is a complete rebuke to the Congress of the abuse heaped on Congress on his recent western trip. And as he entered the House chamber and walked down the center aisle he smiled broadly and nodded to acquaintances.

He wore a light blue Summer suit, black and white tie, and blue tie. He acknowledged in a formal manner the applause and without continued until he began to speak. Adhering to his usual custom, he read his message in a low, steady, triple-spaced, and bound in a loose-leaf folder.

He spoke slowly and quietly. From time to time, his voice dropped almost to conversational tones.

The Democrats, seated early on, applauded early on. The Republicans, on Mr. Truman's left, were silent.

Democrats and some in the galleries cheered when he called for action to curb inflation and the Republicans appeared not to have heard his statement.

President Truman, speaking at 11:56 A. M. (EST). He had spoken for 24 minutes. He again was interrupted by the shouting of a few Republicans. All stood up as he left the Chamber.

The President coupled a reiterated plea for power to hold wages in line with his price control recommendation. And he personally confronted Congress with six other proposed breaks on spending — among them a return to credit restrictions and standby rationing authorities.

"The Communists, both here and abroad, are counting on our present inaction to bring about a depression," the Chief Executive declared.

"They do not believe that we can stand idly by and watch our high prices. They are counting on an economic collapse in this country."

That, he said, "would cut the ground from under the free nation."

Mr. Truman addressed a joint message to Congress on the second day of the special session he called in the heat of a presidential campaign year.

LANGUAGE RESTRAINED

The President was notably restrained that it was on his Western tour, or in his acceptance of the nomination for the National Convention. Then he referred repeatedly to the Republican-congressional Congress as one of the worst in the nation's history.

He left that a question to be answered by an Administration he promised later this week—perhaps tomorrow.

But he did say the controls should be authorized for "acute commodity price controls and essential industrial production or the cost of living." That would seem to mean things like steel and meat.

He said before he spoke, GOP leaders made clear that Mr. Truman could pin no real hope for a plan on the Congress.

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'Political' Cry Raised

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Wiley (Ind.), acting Republican leader, said President Truman's message proves the special session is "purely political."

Terminating Mr. Truman's price control and other recommendations a "complete rebuke to the Communists," Wiley commented to newsmen:

"We are just as anxious as anyone else for low prices, but we do not agree with the President on his approach."

Democrats in Capitol Hill generally spoke out in favor of the President's recommendations, except for a few Southerners who renewed their attacks on that section relating to price controls.

ADJOURNING OUT

Chairman Wolcott, R-Mich., left a meeting of the Republican big command to tell Truman that the House Banking Committee will adjourn on Thursday. The committee had turned down any idea of adjourning Congress immediately.

"It is very apparent that this Administration is committed to a course of action which is not in the interest of the country. Otherwise the President would have used the powers he already has to stop inflation."

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued rather warm and humid today. High and low 84 and 73. Temperature at 3 P. M. today 85. High and low last 24 hours—85-73. Sunset today 7:39. Sunrise tomorrow 5:45.