

Truman's Anti-Inflation Program Wins Best

Senate Body Supports Allocations

Way Left Open For Controls

WASHINGTON (AP)—Supporters of President Truman's anti-inflation program won an initial test today. The Senate Banking Committee approved a seven-month extension of voluntary allocations of steel and other scarce commodities.

On a straight party line vote, the committee first rejected a 2 to 2 Republican-sponsored plan to extend the voluntary controls for 18 months beyond March 1 next.

Belated on that, the Republicans supported the seven-month plan and it was approved unanimously.

GOP Senators contended that the program is "not as serious as it should be extended for the full year. They proposed 18 months to cover the first quarter of 1950.

This Is Mr. X

The gentleman above whose face was veiled by an X which was revealed today as Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, Miss Gloria Wilkinson of 508 N. Tryon St. guessed his identity. Another Mr. X contest will begin Monday.

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European Reds Push Peace Drive

Italian, French Leaders Speak

By PHILIP CLARKE
ROME (AP)—Communist leaders of France and Italy told their 5,000,000 followers last night to join in a huge Russian-bossed "peace front."

Members of the two largest Red parties outside Russia were ordered to "use all their force" against "propaganda of hate and calumny, warlike preparations and policies of provocation."

At the same time, western German's No. 1 Communist, called for "peace front" in Germany.

These moves were the latest developments in Russia's so-called "peace offensive," picturing Communists as lovers of peace and their opponents as warlike aggressors.

They followed shortly after Moscow's announcement that the Soviet satellite party after conference had been linked in an "economic and political alliance" to counter the European Recovery Program.

But there still has been nothing but talk in the new Russian propaganda line. U. S. Secretary of State Acheson said in a radio address that he has no doubts that the European Recovery Program is a "peace front."

Attorneys Make Plea

Scott Urged to Spare Creech

RALEIGH (AP)—While parents of the doomed man lusted, attorneys pleaded with Governor Scott today to spare James Creech from the gas chamber.

The attorneys brought their plea to the eyes of Mrs. J. Rufus Creech, mother of the 37-year-old John-Creech County tobacco worker who will die in the gas chamber Friday afternoon.

Creech's father told the Governor that his 37-year-old son had been drinking "for some time" prior to the slaying last Summer of Mrs. Matilda Woodard Creech.

"He was just not right when he was drinking," the father said, "he was my only son who drank. I was more concerned over him and knew him better than the others."

German Shepard and U. S. Senator Melville Broughton, the defendant's attorneys, attempted to show that errors committed during the trial were prejudicial to Creech.

In the history of North Carolina, said Broughton, "no man, black or white, gone to the gallows with so many errors of a substantial nature was committed and in which the Court was so divided."

The State Supreme Court divided 5-2 in upholding Creech's conviction.

The Governor was presented a petition asking for commutation signed by about 2,300 Johnston County citizens.

"The petition is not the common filling station kind," said Shepard, "but were signed by the finest people in Johnston County."

Mrs. Creech had tears in her eyes at the conclusion of the hearing and shook the Governor's hand as she left. She did not testify.

Among those who testified were:

State Dept. Working On Blueprint

Secretary Holds 1st News Party

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary Acheson today described the aim of President Truman's "bold new program" as to increase the worth, freedom and dignity of people everywhere.

In his first news conference since becoming Secretary of State last August, he said the program would increase the worth and freedom of individual people.

No blueprint exists yet for carrying out Mr. Truman's program to "put a state mental institution" in every state.

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Miss Gillars Identified By German As 'Axis Sally'

By KARL R. BAUMAN
WASHINGTON (AP)—A former radio officer in the German Army in North Carolina was identified by the voice of Mildred E. Gillars as the speaker in Axis radio broadcasts.

The testimony, by Hans von Richter, was presented today by the Chief Justice of the Court by numerous recordings of those broadcasts.

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Senators Threatened

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Long (D-La.) hinted broadly today that Southern Senators are prepared to tie up the entire first session of the 81st Congress by a filibuster if necessary to save the filibuster.

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Five Escape As Bus Flame

FARETTVILLE (AP)—Fifteen passengers escaped from a burning Carolina Trailways bus this morning, but many of them lost their luggage. Two persons were injured.

The bus was traveling from Farettsville to Charlotte when it caught fire.

Post Office Bomb Blast In Kentucky Injures Three

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP)—A bomb in a parcel post package exploded in the Post Office here this morning, injuring three employees, one seriously.

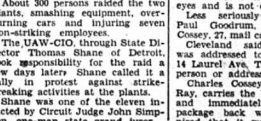
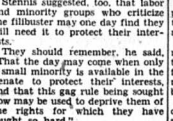
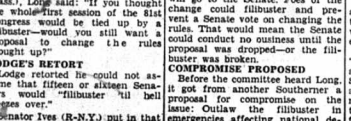
The package was addressed to Cleveland and was opened by William H. Osborne, 29, a clerk, suffered the most serious injuries.

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Once Over Lightly
By WALTER SEIBENTHAL

WEATHER
Considerable cloudiness. Little change in temperature tonight and tomorrow.
Temperature at 2 P. M. today... 75
High and low last 24 hours... 75-57
Next weather... 7:58
See weather section on page 10-A