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Taft Says Truman Can't Send Troops To Europe



TEA FORMATION BY THE OFFENSIVE TEAM

President's Authority Questioned

Senator Speaks On Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Taft (R-Ohio) declared in the Senate today that President Truman has no power to commit American troops to a European defense force without approval first from Congress.

In his first foreign policy speech before the Senate, Taft said he is willing to commit "some limited number of American divisions" to a European force.

He said the Europeans must take the lead in forming such a force.

"I do not think we should force our assistance on a nation which does not wish to arm themselves," the Ohio Senator declared. "I do not think we should insist or even urge that Europeans form a great international army unless they request it to help themselves."

WOULD AVOID LEADERSHIP

Taft said he would avoid leadership in the formation of a great international army by the United States.

"The administration is already named Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for that place and the Truman Administration has laid plans to send additional American troops to Europe to serve in the combined command," he said.

At a news conference yesterday, Taft said there was no question but that he had authority to send additional troops to Europe.

Both Senate and House adopted resolutions last night endorsing the Governor when he delivered his budget message yesterday, that the State's Advisory Budget Commission will be presented to the legislature.

The legislators looked forward to the Governor's talk and the Budget Commission report with a great deal of interest. They wanted to know what he would recommend on state spending and taxes.

The Governor intimated in his biennial message yesterday that he may propose the removal of some tax exemptions in order to boost state revenues. He said that spending needs during the next biennium will be greater than for this biennium.

Both Houses adjourned until tomorrow morning in honor of the late senator-elect W. B. Reeves, 72, of West Jefferson, who died today in a Winston-Salem hospital.

The House received a bill designed to revise the state's general statute to give a pay increase to legislators as provided in the constitutional amendment approved by the voters in the Nov. 7 general election.

The legislators' present salary is \$4,000 a year for 90 days. It would be increased to \$4,500 a year for a 90-day term.

Road Center Threatened By Big Force



High Army Man Denies UN 'Rout'

TOKYO — (AP) — Swarms of Chinese Red troops pushed on southward tonight and menaced Wunju, important Allied-escape highway center 55 miles east of Seoul.

General MacArthur's headquarters said seven Communist armies—perhaps 210,000 men — are moving from the Chunchon area toward Wunju.

"They apparently aim to destroy United Nations forces there and then thrust west in an attempt to cut off Eighth Army units retreating down from ruined Seoul.

Allied pilots said they saw the heaviest traffic yet observed in Korea since the enemy lines. They reported 1,200 vehicles closing North Korea roads.

The Allies in a skillful retreat had yielded Seoul, its airfield at Kimp'o and the port of Ichon.

DOCKS BLASTED

At Ichon U.N. units blasted docks and the harbor basin. The left side of the main body of U.N. troops moved on southward by land.

Four cut-off South Korean regiments broke through Communist road blocks and reached U.N. lines at Masan Thursday after a four-day battle. Wunju was already safe but U.N. lines were drawn as far as the coast.

Chinese troops pouring down secondary roads and through valleys would turn left at night at Wunju and possibly cut off parts of the Allied forces.

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Liquor Vote Bill Faces Trouble

Senate Committees Appointed

RALEIGH — (AP) — Dry forces hopes for passage of legislation to allow a statewide liquor referendum received a blow today when Lt. Gov. H. P. Taylor announced Senate committee assignments.

Taylor named Alton E. Lennon Jr. as chairman of the committee on Propositions and Grievances. The committee would handle liquor legislation for the Senate. A statewide referendum bill introduced yesterday was referred to it.

In addition to Lennon, the committee includes four other senators from counties with ABC stores. These are J. C. Eagles of Wilson, Hugh G. Horton of Martin, Dr. Paul E. Jones of Pitt, and Zebulon Weaver Jr. of Brunswick. Another member, Senator John D. Larkins Jr. of Jones is from a district in which five of the six counties have ABC stores.

Senator J. Robert Young of Hartwell, who introduced the referendum bill and who described himself as a wet, also was named to the committee.

Taylor appointed Larkins a chairman of the Finance and Appropriations Committee and Senator

30-Day Price Freeze Reported Planned

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Government reported today it was drafting an order that all business firms give a 30-day notice before raising prices.

This would have the effect of a 30-month price freeze, officials said. The order would not apply to all firms because of certain provisions of the Food and Consumer Control Act of 1946.

Retail food prices were shown today to have risen 1.2 per cent between Nov. 28 and Dec. 15 — the most for the record high reached in July of 1948.

There was no immediate confirmation of the plan to issue a 30-day advance notice order. However, reports from people close to FBI's staff said the decision has been made to issue such an order very soon.

The action was described as a "temporary" measure while the price stabilization office builds a staff to enforce a system of more specific pricing, and while the wage stabilization board comes to some decision on standards for controlling wages. This board has called for "one-price" control for most commodities.

The law prohibits price increases for certain commodities. However, there are certain things that DiSalle can do about food prices, and some of them are included in the 30-day order now reported pending.

For example, the law prohibits control of the margins of wholesale and retail distributors of food, and to a certain extent, the prices of farm products.

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Individual Pockets May Get Tax Break Till July

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Some Congressional tax framers indicated today the 50,000,000 or more individual taxpayers may get a short breather — possibly by July 1 — before Uncle Sam reaches into their pockets for more money again.

Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the tax-inflating House Ways and Means Committee said private bills before any new act in income taxes. "The Administration, by action, not words, will do something about cutting unnecessary Government expenses."

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Defense Dept. To Request Drafting Of 18-Year-Olds

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Defense Dept. today asked Congress to let it draft 18-year olds and postpone deferments and exemptions for currently draft eligible men from 19 through 23.

Pelk Larkin, the Defense Dept.'s general counsel, today said that the drafting of any women would be a "distasteful and unwise" step.

Larkin said the Defense Dept. is working out its own proposed manpower law and that undoubtedly selective service and other agencies will submit their own ideas to Congress.

The Defense Dept. proposal, he said, would permit 17-year olds to enlist with their parents' permission. 18-year olds would be automatically eligible for the draft as soon as they had completed high school. He said that those who reached 19 and were still in high school would "probably have to be yanked out."

Larkin said 18-year old draftees would not be sent overseas but would be trained in their own country. He said they had completed their full basic military training.

The President has no power to draft in Europe in a war between the United States and the Axis or Soviet Russia. Without authority he invoked as the Korean war. Without authority he invoked as the Korean war. Without authority he invoked as the Korean war.

Chicago Underworld Boss Spurns Senate Questions

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Dapper Anthony J. (Tony) Accardo, reputed Chicago underworld-gambling boss, refused today to tell Senate investigators about his income and assets. The Senator today cited him for contempt.

Accardo, dressed in the witness chair with his hands folded and declaiming, during a two-hour public hearing, to answer most of the questions put to him. Many of the inquiries deal with book operations in Chicago and Miami.

Claiming constitutional protection, Accardo contended the answers might tend to incriminate him, and were not pertinent to the Senate Crime Committee's investigation of organized interstate gambling.

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Suspect Slayer Slew 5 Bandit Sought In Family Disappearance

TULSA, Okla. — (AP) — Police today attempted to link a hitch-hiker sought for robbery with the bandit who was sought for a family of five whom they fear died at the hands of a fiendish slayer.

The Mosser car is a blue 1949 model two-door Chevrolet. The family left the Atwood, Okla., home last Friday morning on a country road north of Tulsa Wednesday.

There were no fingerprints, no footprints and no bodies.

"It's murder — there's no question about it," said Oseage County Deputy Warren Smith. "We're almost certain, and about 800 people family dead somewhere. It's just a question of finding them."

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BULLETIN

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Russia has agreed to resume negotiations with the United States on the Berlin blockade, a difference of 3,181 miles. Atwood is slightly over 600 miles from Tulsa.

"If that car was driven anywhere as far as that difference shows," said Smith, "the bodies of those people, if slain, could be hundreds of miles from here."

In Wichita Falls, Tex., the sheriff's office said it was working on a lead on the missing famer. Deputy Sheriff Dick Mann added that he could not give any details.

Mann said the sheriff's office had received information that a car stopped outside Wichita Falls last Saturday night for food and gas. Two men in the car, one in a light-colored jacket and one in a dark jacket, were particularly brilliant in a hand to hand bayonet battle with Chinese Reds.

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MANY VEHICLES SIGHTED

Vehicles are reported moving south from enemy concentration areas in North Korea, with about 1,000 vehicles sighted yesterday morning. A report from the Korean Peninsula. On the western side there was a steady flow of trucks and cars reported.

The Air Force reported its fighters and light bombers made 193 daylight attacks on such convoys yesterday night, for food and gas 35 night attacks. The Air Force estimated that almost 3,500 vehicles were destroyed, moving south during the day.

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