

Watered-Down Labor Legislation Sent Back To House

Bill Passed By Senate After Week Of Debate

House May Balk At Early Action

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate stamped its approval today on a diluted version of President Truman's emergency labor program, but the House showed signs of balking at any action on the modified measure before it learns what the President intends to do with the Case Anti-Strike Bill.

After a week of bitter argument, the Senate finally got to a vote on the bill in the early morning hours and passed it by a tally of 61 to 20, however minus the draft-labor provision which Administration leaders have called the big job of the program.

HOUSE CHANGED

The Senate then sent the legislation back to the House but in quite different form than the other chamber shipped Thursday by a 59 to 19 vote. A week ago after listening to Mr. Truman's explanation for the necessity to draft those who strike when the Government seizes an industry, the Senate also stripped from the measure a provision which would have required property rights strikers in seized industries and a section requiring payment of just compensation to any workers whose property was taken over.

This left in the measure a provision that would allow strikers to sue the Government for violation of this section. **NO-STRIKE BAN**

Approved by the Senate, the bill likewise would permit the Attorney General to seek injunctions to enforce the no-strike ban. A provision some Senators said would authorize imprisonment of those who violate the no-strike ban. The Senate also stripped this power from the bill.

Employees who refused to return to work after the Government took over an industry, the Wagner Act and the Railway Labor Act. The Senate also stripped from the bill a provision which would have authorized the seizure of property and profits made under Government operations would be turned into the Treasury, with owners being assured of equitable compensation under the Constitution.

The Senate voted to make the bill effective immediately, with the President terminating it sooner if either desires.

While Administration lieutenants said they thought the measure would be at least acceptable if not satisfactory, to President Truman in this form, the House contemplated no action until at least Thursday at the earliest. Consideration of all controversial legislation in the House is delayed until then. The Senate asked that the bill go to a Senate-House conference for settlement of differences.

The general feeling among House members was that the Senate had let the bill down by not including the strike-draft section.

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PAPER MOVING AGAIN—Settlement of the soft coal and rail strikes has re-established supplies of newsprint paper.

A carload of paper, consigned to The News, is shown here as it was being unloaded upon its arrival in Charlotte yesterday. Throughout this week, The News has been forced to limit the size of its editions to eight pages daily, without advertising. On Monday normal operations will be resumed, and The News will continue to give its readers full coverage of local, state, national and world events. Advertising will appear as usual. Again The News will be "The Liveest Newspaper of the Carolinas." (News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio.)

Soft Coal Men Get Social Gains

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Government acted promptly today to put into effect the health and safety advances which John L. Lewis won for his soft coal miners in settling the prolonged bituminous strike.

This was a quick follow-up on the approval of the Wage Stabilization Board bestowed yesterday — with President Truman's full endorsement of the contract between Lewis and the Government.

The drive to get all clauses of the soft coal contract into operation temporarily overshadowed preliminary Administration studies of hard coal strike. However, the official contract will provide the basis for an agreement in the anthracite dispute.

On the soft coal contract, Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone, a veteran of the Navy's Medical Corps, took over the job of organizing and directing an all-inclusive survey of hospital and medical facilities, clinics, and housing to soft coal mining areas.

NEW SAFETY CODE

Dr. R. R. Sayers, director of the Bureau of Mines, opened preliminary discussions with representatives of the United Mine Workers and mine operators looking to a new Federal mine safety code.

Secretary of Interior, Krug, who is boss of the mines as long as they remain under Government control, left no doubt that he approved of the miners' health and safety gains. Touching upon the welfare and retirement fund to be set up under the new contract, he said it is a new confidence yesterday.

"I wonder how many of you know that the United States is the only civilized country that does not have a health and welfare code for its miners," he said.

The welfare and retirement fund will be financed by payments of 3 cents a ton on all coal produced, but without enforcement provisions. It merely authorized the Bureau of Mines to make inspections and recommendations. Actual enforcement of safety standards remains in the hands of the coal-producing states.

Hard Coal Miners Idle

NEW YORK — Pennsylvania's hard coal miners did not begin to make plans as they wanted for a new contract which would end their strike.

In New York the negotiators, in their fourth week of conferences, reported little progress toward a new pact.

The strike by 75,000 diggers, which began yesterday after the expiration of the old contract, led by the AFL United Mine Workers and the operators agreed that the walkout was completely effective.

MAINTENANCE WORK

Only maintenance work by an estimated 5,000 miners continued in the collieries to protect property. In Pennsylvania, about a dozen anthracite miners continued to work but they gave no estimate of their daily turnout. The independents operate on lease or royalty basis where the mine is owned by the operator.

In Virginia, the only other state where there are hard coal operations, there are about 800 miners who are not involved in the negotiations here.

As the conference were called into session today, the House Committee on Education and Labor, declared that UMW President John L. Lewis has taken part in the talks — "coming over as soon as he can free himself in Washington where he is finishing up the soft coal settlement."

Rare Chinese Books Recovered From Japs

TOKYO — (AP) — Ten cases of rare Chinese books, some dating to the Song dynasty, have been recovered from the Japanese Allied headquarters announced today.

Property of the National Central Library of Nanking, the books will be transported by plane to China Monday. About 35,000 other valuable Chinese editions will be shipped later.

The volumes were seized by Japanese in Hong Kong in 1942, and were still in the original cases in which the Chinese had packed them for shipment to the United States for safe keeping.

U.N. Group Hits Franco

NEW YORK — (AP) — A delegate to the United Nations Security Council said today that a sub-committee investigating charges that Franco Spain threatens world peace has expressed moral condemnation of the regime and recommended that the Council pass the question to the U. N.'s highest body, the General Assembly.

The delegate, who declined to permit use of his name, said the report, prepared after a month of deliberations, summed up the evidence and offered these two recommendations:

- 1.—That the Security Council refer the question to the 31-nation General Assembly for further action.
- 2.—That the Security Council endorse the three power declaration of last March which condemned the Franco Government, expressed hope that it would be removed by peaceful means, and termed the problem an internal one. Signers of the declaration were the United States, Great Britain and France.

Spain has made formal application for United Nations membership in a letter accompanying detailed charges of territorial aggression, armed attack, looting and arbitrary arrest of Spaniards in France by French troops in May of 1939.

Strikers Board Canadian Ship

OTTAWA — (AP) — Approximately 75 striking seamen boarded a Canadian Steamship Lines freighter in the Welland Canal near Port Colborne in the pre-dawn darkness today and forced the non-union crew to leave the vessel.

Senes and agreeing to conform to any further court order.

Each soldier was examined by a physician and found to be fit for duty.

Dr. Howard A. Dishong, county coroner, Dr. Dishong testified they suffered no permanent injury.

When the plea pleaded guilty, May 20 to thefts of money and merchandise from eight business establishments, they were fined \$100 each and ordered to pay \$25 a month for three years.

Ray Evans, acting chief deputy sheriff, applied the strap-in pris-

Deputy Sheriff Wields Lash

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — (AP) — Three Camp Robinson soldiers were whipped publicly in Circuit Court here today after pleading guilty to charges of burglary and grand larceny.

The trio, Richard Furman and Phillip Sumich, Cleveland, O., and Lee Roy Kirby, Spartanburg, S. C., were given 30 lashes each by a deputy sheriff under direction of Judge Laurence Autter.

The whippings were administered after they testified they had written and signed a letter addressed to the court consenting to whippings, asking clemency from pris-

French Vote Takes Place Tomorrow

COMMUNISTS IN SPOTLIGHT

PARIS — (AP) — A clear indication of the strength of the postwar Communist trend in France was expected to emerge from tomorrow's empire-wide elections to choose a new Constituent Assembly.

Two major factors put the Communists squarely in the election spotlight.

1. The American lead, which some observers believe may have cost the Communists seats in a best-meets-the-Francoists, whose leader, Leon Blum, negotiated the credits, announced his weak in Washington.
2. The bitter pre-election campaign which the Socialists have waged against the Communists, charging that the Communists were an underground-organized party which follows Soviet policy too closely.

An estimated 2,000,000 French citizens will vote to choose 566 members of the new Constituent Assembly from more than 3,000 candidates. The assembly will act for a maximum of seven months to draw up a new constitution.

A constitution drafted by the previous Assembly, providing for a powerful unicameral legislative system of government, was defeated in referendum May 5 by more than a million voters. The French left with its first major setback since the liberation.

While raffish at the ballot box, however, the Communists received a vote only slightly less than they got in the October election, when they emerged France's largest single party, with 25 per cent of the vote.

Italian King's Fate At Stake

ROME — (AP) — The Italian news agency Ansa reported demonstrators broke through a police cord at the King Umberto's home today and forced him to leave through an underground passage.

The incident, which erupted between Monarchists and Republicans had been going on in the huge Duomo Square, when the King visited the cathedral, but he did not state whether the demonstrators which broke through the cord were friendly or hostile.

The fate of the monarchy will be decided in a national plebiscite tomorrow. Umberto will remain shortly after the demonstration for Venice to complete his "campaign."

Ansa said clashes also occurred on Royal Palace Square while Alberto Savinio, the king's personal physician, told the monarch "I am of Milan, paid the monarch."

No casualties were reported.

In an event, he said to remain his crown Umberto announced to Italy's 28,000,000 voters that he intended to abdicate if he were not to leave him on the throne, he would give them another chance soon to vote on the question of monarchy versus a republic.

U. S. Plane Falls In Sea Off Italy

NAPLES — (AP) — An American Army transport plane en route from Sicily to the United States fell in flames into the sea near Naples today and American military police shot at least eight of the 28 persons aboard were killed.

3 Soldiers Publicly Whipped By Order Of Arkansas Court

ERSON TERMS SUSPENDED

After the whippings, the court suspended the three-year prison sentences each against the soldiers and ordered them turned over to military authorities to receive such reasonable settlements.

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Monday's News Will Be Back To Normal

The News is happy to announce that on Monday it will resume a normal paper. Newsprint paper on hand and rolling seems to assure a sufficient supply for full operations.

For the understanding and tolerance of readers and advertisers during the period of curtailment we are grateful. We look forward to no further interruption in the functioning of the Liveest Newspaper in the Carolinas.

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS.

'Small Business' Urged By Truman

CHESTERTOWN, Md. — (AP) — President Truman declared today his advocacy of "small business" and asserted his belief that "no one or any one group of men" will ever gain absolute control of the United States Government.

"Some times they think they have control," the President declared, "but it is not the kind of control exercised by hundreds of commencement exercise spectators at historic Washington College, but it has never turned out that way—and it never will."

Mr. Truman, speaking extemporaneously, did not identify which groups he had in mind. He expressed his preference for small schools, small business and small communities.

The President, who received an honorary doctor of laws degree, said that he was an advocate of "small business and small educational institutions, and small communities."

"I have said time and time again," he added, "that I would much rather see a thousand independent companies with four million dollars in assets than one insurance company with four billion."

"I would rather see a hundred steel companies than one U. S. steel corporation. I would rather see a thousand banks than one national city bank."

The President described himself as a small town boy who preferred little business to big business, small educational institutions to large ones.

Mr. Truman said that one of the things he liked about Washington College was that it was a small college in a rural community.

New Try Made To Avoid Ship Strike

WASHINGTON — (AP) — In an atmosphere of pessimism and bitterness, CIO maritime leaders and ship operators agreed to make a fresh try today in their efforts to avert a shipping strike June 15.

On the other hand, Government agencies are systematically mobilizing to run the ships if CIO seamen, longshoremen, telegraph operators and other maritime workers go through with their threatened strike for a 40-hour week and higher pay.

Strong words entered the situation yesterday when Secretary Truman told his news conference he will use the Army, Navy and Coast Guard if that's what it takes to keep the Merchant Marine running.

LEADERS AROUSED

What the President said aroused heavy criticism from CIO labor co-chairman of the committee for maritime unity representing seven unions involved in the dispute, said that he should not allow such an attitude.

A statement issued in behalf of the committee last night said the union came here at the request of the Secretary of War, and it carried on peaceful negotiations to avert a strike, and they had committed themselves to a request that neither side make any public statements that might hurt the negotiations.

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Less Meat Predicted

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Agriculture Department today forecast an even tighter meat situation for the Nation next year, with supplies of beef as much as a million pounds below 1944 level.

The expected decrease was attributed to shortages of feed grains and the recent hike in the ceiling prices for livestock feed.

"To bring home what the supply drop will mean, the Department pointed out that even this year Americans would like to buy, if they could, an average of from 175 to 200 pounds more meat than is available."

The 1946 meat production was estimated at about 22,000,000,000 pounds, or about 2,000,000,000 pounds under 1944's record output.

In the current market, the Department reported, black market flags apparently are continuing to oust the large packers on the back of beef cattle, despite intensified Government efforts to curb illegal slaughtering and sale of off-grade meat.

Increased black market activity in butter also was noted, with illegal sales charges falling on the benefit from the modest Spring gain in production. The department assumed that butter production will be 30 per cent below the same month last year, and 50 per cent below the 1944 level. One cause advanced for the output drop was the more profitable market for existing butter cream.

Department officials were hopeful, however, that the higher production of butter this year would keep butter prices of about 11 cents a pound.

No Hurry To Fill Court Vacancy

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman asserted yesterday that he was in no hurry to choose a new Chief Justice.

This comment was made after the President declined to sign a bill when asked whether Treasury Secretary Vinson was being considered for the job.

"Asked whether he hoped to fill the Supreme Court vacancy in June or later, Truman said he hoped so and added that the Supreme Court was getting along very well."

Asked again that there was no hurry, he said:

Austin Asks For Prompt Extension Of Service Act

SAYS U. S. NEEDS STRONG HAND

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senate action on extension of the Selective Service law today would be put off until Monday, as members studied a variety of draft act amendments, the chamber's first in domestic control of atomic energy.

Democratic Leader Barkley, Kentucky, said he hoped the country would dispose of this bill during the day.

Earlier Senator Austin, Republican Vermont, had declared in favor of prompt extension of the Draft Act, to strengthen the hand of the United States in international negotiations.

His arguments plinned tightly to the contention that this country must regain the prestige lost since "victory." The Vermont legislator said in an interview that the "lack of a peace force has handicapped the United States in post-war dealings with other major powers."

POWER NECESSARY

A member of both the Senate Military and Foreign Relations Committee Austin today declared that if the United States is to meet military aggression "... have little faith in promises without works. Representation without apparent power to make them good have little persuasiveness."

Austin's views were advanced with the initial certainty that efforts will be made on the Senate floor to scrap the Selective Service machinery completely, or to accept a House-approved moratorium on the draft until October 1951.

Against both proposals have been trained the heavy guns of the armed forces, backed up by Secretary of War, who has expressed deep concern in private over demobilization below the level necessary to maintain present military commitments.

The House measure, in addition to imposing the moratorium on induction, would extend the life of Selective Service nine months from its present June 30 expiration date. It would exempt teachers and fathers, and grant experience and women pay boosts starting in October.

BILL RESHAPED

As reshaped by the Senate Military Committee, the bill would:

1. Limit the combined strength of the Army, Navy and Air Corps to 1,758,000 by July 1, 1947.
2. Continue the life of Selective Service until May 15, 1947.
3. Provide for automatic discharge after October 1 of those with 18 months service.
4. Retain the House-accepted no-fathers clause, and provide for discharge after August 1 of those with 18 months of service.

The committee left the pay increase question to separate legislation.

Bad Luck Feared Nazi Okayed Hit Looting

DACHAU, Germany — (AP) — A former S. S. major said in a statement introduced at the Nuremberg trial today that he had ordered his men to shoot unarmed American prisoners in the Battle of the Bulge. He claimed that he feared looting of the dead might bring bad luck. Knitel is one of 74 defendants on trial.

The statement, presented by the prosecution, said he decided to kill the prisoners because his unit was "moved spiritually" by the death of his braves non-commissioned officer.

Weather

Increasing clouds with some light rain, tonight and Sunday. Moderately sunny today. High 82, low 64. Wind, S-SW, 10-20 mph. Sea, choppy. Humid. Sunshine today. Forecast tomorrow: Increasing clouds with some light rain, tonight and Sunday. Moderately sunny today. High 82, low 64. Wind, S-SW, 10-20 mph. Sea, choppy. Humid. Sunshine today. Forecast tomorrow: Increasing clouds with some light rain, tonight and Sunday. Moderately sunny today. High 82, low 64. Wind, S-SW, 10-20 mph. Sea, choppy. Humid. Sunshine today. Forecast tomorrow: Increasing clouds with some light rain, tonight and Sunday. Moderately sunny today. High 82, low 64. Wind, S-SW, 10-20 mph. Sea, choppy. Humid. Sunshine today.