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Court Decision Threatening Sugar Rationing Upheld

COMMITTEE MAKES BUDGET SLASH PLANS

Bitter Debate Rages Over Medical Care Program

Medical School Draws Fire

By BURKE DAVIS
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RALEIGH—A heated four-hour debate featuring a dozen prominent Tar Heels introduced the $48,000,000 hospital and medical care program to the General Assembly yesterday afternoon, and today the members of the Joint Appropriations Committee reached for the headache powders and prepared to follow the controversy to the end.

BURKE DAVIS

Yesterday's hearing packed the House chamber, and the partisan audience which came to cheer speakers of the Medical Care Commission and the Good Health Association was treated to a hot exchange of fire between those groups and opponents of the program headed by Dr. W. S. Rankin of Charlotte and the Duke Endowment, Don Bliss of Asheville, and Dr. C. W. Bailey of Rocky Mount, head of the "Fact-Finding Committee" of state physicians.

At one point Dr. Bailey, the most outspoken witness, shouted "the Good Health Association is not sincere in its objectives. It wants the medical school at Chapel Hill first and a health program second. We want better health first. You gentlemen have been subjected to one of the greatest propaganda campaigns of your lifetime. Why, everyone agrees we need the better health program except the medical school at Chapel Hill. Why, then, all these movies and debates and billboards and radio programs and newspaper stories?"

In rebuttal Major L. P. McLendon, speaking as a University trustee and chairman of the trustee's committee directed to make plans for expanding the medical school as set forth by the 1945 Legislature, replied:

"I regret that anyone should have said publicly in a place like this that he doubts the sincerity of a man like Dr. Ike Greer (president of the Good Health Association) and his organization. I deeply regret that anyone should attack his sincerity and impugn his motives."

The ghost of the Duke-Carolina rivalry loomed in the debate. Major McLendon, near the close of the session, stressed the trustees' conception of the University's place:

"Duke and its medical school are a great addition to education in this state. But the state believes that what belongs to the state belongs to the state, and that there should be no wedding of state and religion. The people showed that when they disapproved a merger of a Duke-Wake Forest-North Carolina medical school in

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Congressman Is Home For Visit

Jones Opposes Cut In Armed Forces

By TOM WATKINS
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Representative Hamilton C. Jones, home for a visit today stated that he would vigorously oppose measures designed to reduce Federal expenditures "by crippling the Army and Navy."

"They are our country's best guarantee of permanent peace," he said.

As representative from North Carolina's Tenth District he said he was giving careful attention to pending measures that would render the armed services to a practical state of "impotency."

Some reductions, he explained, may be necessary, but that he was "most certainly opposed to wholesale slashes of appropriations that would wreck the Army and Navy."

Congressman Jones said he would return to Washington Sunday night and that in the meantime he would be in his office at the Law Building where he would be glad to discuss with the citizens "any matter in which they are interested."

He met this afternoon at 2 o'clock with a delegation interested in the retention of a post office building at Wing in Mitchell County.

As a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee Congressman Jones said he had given considerable attention to Government loans to veterans.

"On the millions that have been loaned," he said, "the greatest failures have been in the little business groups with failures reaching 61 per cent. On loans for homes the loss has been only 1 per cent, and 8 per cent on farms."

The Congressman said he was giving particular attention, as a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, to the hospital construction program. Just a few days ago, he said he conferred with General Bradley, head of the Veteran's Administration, and was informed that plans for the construction of a 500-bed hospital here, expected to cost between $7,000,000 and $8,000,000 are being com-

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U. S. Court Turns Down OPA Appeal

'Historical Use' System Involved

WASHINGTON — (AP)— The U. S. Court of Appeals today upheld a district court decision which OPA officials say may upset the entire sugar rationing program.

The Appeal's Court's 2 to 1 decision was given on OPA's appeal from a ruling Jan. 28 by District Judge F. Dickinson Letts. In that, Letts held invalid the agency's "historical use" system of allocating sugar to producers of bulk sweetened condensed milk.

MILK SUIT

Letts ruling was issued in a suit brought by the Moberly Milk Co., of Moberly, Mo., which contended that the OPA allocation formula—based on the amount of sugar used by a company in previous years—is illegal under the War Mobilization and Reconversion Act of 1944.

Attorneys for the milk company argued this act prohibited "discrimination" against small businesses in the allocating of materials for peacetime use. They asserted that after the formula was put into effect last Nov. 1 for condensed milk producers, the Moberly Co. had been unable to obtain sufficient sugar to meet its needs.

The majority opinion of the Appeals Court was written by Justice St Wilbur K. Miller and A. Barrett Prettyman, who said they were not "impressed" by the OPA argument that the District Court order "would wreck the sugar rationing program." Justice Henry W. Edgerton dissented.

Carl Auerbach, chief OPA counsel, told reporters a dicision on whether to appeal to the Supreme Court will be made after he has had time to study the opinion.

Auerbach had argued no "satisfactory method" could be used in place of the "historical" use system of rationing sugar to industrial users.

MAJORITY OPINION

However, the majority opinion stated:

"We do not see how or why the historical use basis is the only method of alloting among users a restricted industrial total (of sugar). Nor does it appear necessary that the industry total be computed by an historical use formula.

"The available materials are those presently available. Their allotment among industries is obviously upon present considerations. A translation of present circumstances into a mathematical proportion of past performance does not seem necessary."

The majority opinion also asserted that the District Court injunction against use of the formula for allocating sugar to producers of bulk sweetened condensed milk "is not a sweeping invalidation of rationing or allotments."

The injunction, the opinion said, "merely . . . directs the (OPA) administrator not to do what Congress directed him not to do."

In dissenting Judge Edgerton said he thought the District Court judgment should be reversed for three reasons:

(1)—The District Court had no jurisdiction to review OPA orders; (2)—The War Mobilization and Reconversion Act is not applicable; and—(3)—Even if the OPA order were reviewable the Moberly firm would not be entitled to relief.

GENERAL BRADLEY BLOWS 'EM OUT—Gen. Omar Bradley, Veterans' administrator, leans over to blow out the candles on his birthday cake in his office at Washington. His staff provided the cake. Bradley was born Feb. 12, 1893, at Clark, Mo. (AP Wirephoto).

Britain Reaches Decision

U. N. To Receive Palestine Problem

LONDON—(AP)—Britain will hand the Palestine problem to the United Nations for settlement, Foreign Secretary Ernest Beven announced today.

Britain likely will continue to garrison the Holy Land for the time being and continue with the governmental administration established under the League of Nations mandate, Government sources said.

The decision to appeal to UN followed a Cabinet meeting today.

Bevin announced it this afternoon at a final meeting with Arab delegates after a series of meetings which failed to reach their objective of an agreed final solution for Palestine.

No official sources could say yet when Britain's appeal to the international organization would be made, adding that details probably would be announced in the House of Commons.

(Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, declared comment in New York. There was no immediate indication whether the British would put the case before the General Assembly, which does not meet until September, or the Trusteeship Council, which is scheduled to convene next month. Soviet Russia has demanded that the British report on their administration of the Palestine mandate but no one in the Soviet delegation had any comment on the British announcement).

One official said that if the matter had to wait until next September's scheduled session of the United Nations General Assembly, some modifications might be made in present immigration and general security conditions.

A Foreign Office spokesman emphasized that Britain, having made the decision, was eager to avoid any delay in getting one of its most troublesome foreign questions before the international tribunal.

Hoover Flies To Rome

ROME—(AP)—Herbert Hoover arrived here by Air Transport Command plane today from Vienna for a three-day study of the Italian food situation in his survey of European food problems.

Canine War Nerves

Magistrate Hopeful Dog Can Be Spared

NEW YORK—(AP)—A dog—like a man—can have war nerves.

That is what Magistrate Morris Rothenberg said today when he expressed hope for continued life for Scout, Springer Spaniel K-9 veteran condemned to death for biting three persons while readjusting to civilian life.

"My sympathies are entirely with saving the dog," the magistrate asserted as he granted an adjournment until Feb. 21 in the case of Scout's owners, Mr. and Mrs. August Marrone, who were accused of abducting their dog from an animal shelter on the eve of his execution.

"I will give this dog every chance for his life," the magistrate said. "Perhaps this dog, like any other veteran, has been unnerved by the war. We don't execute veterans for being emotional, we give them every chance."

Doleful-eyed Scout, now sitting disconsolately at home, violated the health code and was automatically condemned to death after the biting incident.

The Marrones, who even have appealed to President Truman for help, pin their hopes of extricating him from the tolls of the law on a letter from Patricia Campanari, 14, allegedly the victim of his first bite, who told the Marrones today she was not bitten, but merely scratched.

Magistrate Rothenberg, in adjourning the case of the owners of the K-9 veteran of two years in the Coast Guard, said he had been deluged with messages and phone calls from all parts of the country to spare Scout's life.

He explained the matter of Scout's life was in the hands of the Health Department and that he was merely deciding whether the Marrones were guilty of disorderly conduct in abducting him.

Army-Navy Fund Cuts Faced As Body Acts

Will Decide On Figure Later

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The 102 member House-Senate Budgetary Committee today rejected a proposal to keep Army and Navy funds intact and agreed to decide later whether to work toward an overall Federal budget slash of $6,000,000,000 or $4,150,000,000.

The compromise lower figure was offered by Senator Gurney, Republican, South Dakota, of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who was leading a drive to prevent cuts in military funds which he contends would jeopardize the nation's security.

The committee shouted down a proposal by Rep. Dingell, Democrat, Michigan, that would have prevented any slashes of Army-Navy funds.

"TOKEN CUTS"

Gurney said his compromise would allow only "token cuts" of the armed forces of about $200,000,000 each for the Army and Navy.

$6,000,000,000 slash as recommended by the subcommittee calls for a $1,750,000,000 cut in the armed services.

President Truman has asked for approximately $11,200,000,000 for the armed forces out of a $37,500,000,000 budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

At the Outset of the meeting, the Democratic-Republican leaders fighting the Army-Navy cuts lost an initial test, when the Committee voted 42 to 27 to exclude the press and the public from its sessions.

Representative Taber, New York, chairman of the Budgetary group, voiced confidence that the $6,000,000,000 slash would be approved in an afternoon session.

"Things are going better than we expected," he told reporters.

Senators McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, further chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Byrd, Democrat, Virginia, joined the Republican drive to shrink the budget by $6,000,000,000.

Dingell contended to newsmen that Republican leaders arrived at the $6,000,000,000 figure "in a six-chamber proceeding" and how refused to tell the whole committee where and what they intend to cut.

Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, termed the proceeding "a flash in the dark to deceive the people." He told reporters that the resolution cutting the President's budget has an "escape clause" which he described as an "admission that the whole thing doesn't amount to anything." The escape language, he said, is in the expression that the budget "should" be cut rather than saying it "shall" be reduced.

"NO STUDY"

Moreover, OMahoney declared that the whole debate "shows there was no study and is no understanding" among those who propose the $6,000,000,000 clash.

Senator Gurney, carrying the battle over reduction of military funds to the Senate floor, declared the Army and Navy would be unable "to carry out the tasks assigned them by the Congress" if their funds are cut.

Gurney said the $11,000,000,000 asked by President Truman for national defense was an "absolute minimum."

Asserting that 46 cents of every dollar in the budget represent costs resulting from previous wars he asked if "eleven billion dollars is too much to put out to avoid World War Three."

Senator O'Mahoney, siding with Gurney, said it would be a mistake for the United States to begin disarmament on the eve of the foreign ministers conference in Russia.

FOR SMALLER CUT

Senator Millikin, Republican, Colorado, who favors holding the reduction to $4,500,000,000, told reporters he was interested in preventing "overcutting" funds for the armed services, irrigation, flood control and river and harbor projects.

7 Killed In Ga. Crash

MACON, Ga.—(AP)—A search party which beat its way through a swamp today to reach the wreckage of an Army plane which crashed after a take off from Robins Field reported that the seven persons aboard were dead.

Capt. H. R. Daniels, public relations officer at the field, said all seven persons apparently were killed instantly. Army officials did not release the names of those aboard.

The plane crashed about a mile and a half from the field last night. Robins Field is located about fifteen miles south of Macon.

The search party, which had to cut a path through dense underbrush to reach the scene of the crash, reported wreckage was scattered over a wide area.

ON FIRE IN AIR

Col. R. V. Ignico, commanding officer of Robins Field, said the plane apparently was on fire before it crashed. He said a path would have to be widened through the swamp before the bodies could be removed. All bodies were burned beyond recognition.

The search party, headed by Lt. John Killimet of Whigham, Ga., reached the plane shortly before 11 A. M. (EST) after a fourteen hours search.

The wreckage of the twin-engined C-45 first was sighted from the air. The crash occurred about 9:05 P. M. (EST) last night shortly after the plane had taken off on a flight to Wright Field at Dayton, Ohio.

The public relations officials at Wright Field released the names of the seven aboard the plane.

They were:

Lt. Col. G. E. Layman, 45, pilot, Champaign, Ill.

Capt. William W. Whalen, 25, co-pilot, Seattle, Wash.

Lt. Col. R. A. Zaiser, 32, St. Petersburg, Fla.

First Lieut. Laferne W. Gonyer, 29, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

T/Sgt. Austin E. Casebler, 26, Reading, Kan.

T. R. Billings, 45, assigned to the Quartermaster Corps at Chicago.

Maj. C. H. Greiner, 33, assigned to the Quartermaster Corps, Columbus, Ohio.

18 Die In Blast In Philippines

MANILA—(AP) —A Manila Daily Bulletin correspondent reported eighteen persons were killed, many missing and several injured today when a pile of TNT exploded at the U. S. 13th Air Force ammunition depot at Barrio Rosario, town of Bauan, in the province of Batangas.

The correspondent said the blast wrecked many houses. Detonations were heard for 20 miles.

Most of the casualties were civilian drivers and laborers transporting boxes of TNT from the depot to the seaport.

Hope Given To Britons

LONDON — (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee sought with the "Coal Cabinet" tonight to fix an approximate date for ending Britain's disastrous industrial shut-down, and a Government spokesman announced there were signs that the nation had "turned the corner" in the crisis.

At the same time the Prime Minister declined with thanks President Truman's offer to divert Europe-bound coal to British ports, saying the need on the continent was no less great.

The Coal Cabinet conference was the first indication for the island's 49,000,000 shivering and brownedout inhabitants that the end of the fuel crisis might be in sight.

"But if we have turned the corner, it is 'only just,'" said Sir Guy Nott-Bower, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

As drastic electricity restrictions were maintained into the fifth day, Government sources said the return to normal might be gradual. A source close to the Prime Minister's office said an important statement on the situation probably would be issued tonight.

GAS CUTS POSSIBLE

However, with only slight gains registered in coal stocks at power stations, the British Gas Council alerted the country's 1,100 gas plants to be ready to shut off gas supplies to non-essential industries.

It seemed likely that some industrial areas where coal stocks were not so dangerously low would be able to resume full production before others. London, remote from the coal fields, may be one of the last areas to have the power restrictions removed.

Woman Named To Democratic Post

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse of New London, Conn., former Democratic Congressmember, today was appointed executive director of the Women's Division of the Democratic National Committee.

The appointment was announced jointly by Robert E. Hannegan, chairman, and Mrs. Charles W. Tillett of Charlotte, N. C., vice-chairman.

American Soldiers And Germans Caught In Raid

MUNICH, Germany—(AP)—Eighty-six American soldiers and 200 German civilians were seized today in a raid by more than 900 U. S. troops and German police upon Munich's major "trouble area."

Searching for AWOL soldiers and black market operators, the raiders routed hundreds of persons from their beds in an area four blocks long in North Munich at 5:30 A. M.

More than half the Germans seized, arresting officers said, were girls in the company of soldiers.

System For Teachers

Legislature Gets Merit Rating Bill

RALEIGH — (AP) — Rep. John W. Umstead of Orange submitted in bill form today recommendations of a special commission on merit rating for teachers which, among other things, would provide for the appointment of a new commission to conduct necessary experiments and research for the benefit of the 1949 General Assembly.

The new commission would be composed of one representative from classroom teachers; one from the North Carolina Education Association; one from the North Carolina Teachers Association; one from school administrators; two from teacher education institutions; two from the General Assembly, representing each branch, one from the State Board of Education; one from the general public; and an ex-officio member who would be the State director of the Division of Professional Services, Dr. James E. Hillman.

The program of research to pay teachers according to their merit and capacity was estimated to cost $50,000 for the first biennium.

The purpose of the study and experimentation would be to discover and validate the instruments to be employed in measuring teacher efficiency.

For a classroom teacher, areas of experimentation would include teacher personality, curriculum and classroom activity, pupil growth, objective extension of the present training and experience bases for teacher rating, and intelligence scores and school examinations of various types, including the national teacher examinations.

It was recommended that rating measures for administrative officers be developed simultaneously with those for teachers.

Rep. A. B. Stoney of Burke, sent up bills to amend the law requiring physical examination of all school employees annually to determine whether they have communicable diseases, so as to put more teeth in the law, and to authorize the commissioner of Motor Vehicles, with approval of the Governor and Council of State, to determine the rank of the head of the Highway Patrol. The highest officer now in the patrol is the major.

Senator O. L. Richardson of Union sent up a bill to appropriate $75,000 for a Memorial on Capitol Square to three North Carolinians who became President of the United States: Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson. Vacancies on the present Memorial Commission would be held by D. Hiden Ramsey of Asheville, Dr. J. Y. Joyner of LaGrange and Henry Belk of Goldsboro.

The House unanimously passed a bill by Rep. Dan Tompkins of Cherokee to ask Congress to emancipate the Cherokee Indians of Western North Carolina to give them full United States citizenship rights. The Indians now are recognized citizens of North Carolina, but they are supervised by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Hollywood Ho-Hums

Art Agent Decides Grable's Legs Pretty

HOLLYWOOD — (AP)—A Chicago artists' representative, presumably with lots of time on his hands, has decided that Betty Grable and other actresses, singers or dancers, have pretty legs—a conclusion that struck Hollywood with something less than atomic impact.

The artists' representative, Barry Stephens, also observed: "Apparently today's males want to look at illustrations of five-foot 10-inch tall women whose calves measure almost twelve inches thick and with long thighs that are from 14 to 16 inches around."

Now this is an admost exact description of Miss Grable, except that she is only five-foot four inches and has considerably smaller legs, she says. She doesn't know the exact dimensions.

She added: "I've never really given my legs much thought." (Which places her in the minority.) "I've other things to worry about." (Which puts her right back with the majority.)

Others on the list of cuties with superior supports are Actresses Alice Faye and Ann Miller, Dancer Flora Stuart and Beryl Davis, a British singer now in Hollywood.

Alice said her selection pleased her, and asked for her measurements, retired briefly with a steel tape measure. She returned from her surveying mission with these statistics: Ankle 7 inches; calf, 11 inches; thigh, almost 17 inches. She confessed, though, she didn't know which part of the thigh the guy was talking about.

Cotton Drops $4.50 A Bale

NEW YORK—(AP)—Cotton futures broke $4.50 a bale in opening trading today on heavy liquidating orders, touched off by an announcement of the Department of Agriculture cutting the cotton export subsidy from 4 to 2 cents a pound.

Traders felt this would mean a substantial reduction in United State exports since other world exporters will be placed in a better competitive position. The March delivery sold at 32.65 cents a pound.

The New Orleans cotton market was similarly affected with futures dropping as much as $3.55 a bale.

Prices in both markets recovered substantially after the initial decline.

Live Hogs Drive To New Recent High Price

CHICAGO—(AP)—Live hogs again pushed to a new recent high price today, hitting $26.25, the second highest level in history. Last Friday a similar sharp advance culminated the week's trading to finish at $26.00.

The peak price was paid Oct. 15 and 16 at $27.50, immediately after removal of price controls, and compared with the October price ceiling of $16.25 and the June roof of $14.85.

Fields Sentenced In Contempt Case

WASHINGTON—(AP) — Benjamin F. Fields, Washington public relations man, today was sentenced by Federal District Judge Alexander Holtzoff to 90 days in jail and fined $250 for contempt of a House Committee.

Defense attorneys announced they will appeal to the U. S. Court of Appeals and Fields was released on $500 bond.

Fields was convicted February 5 by a District Court jury of failing to give the House Surplus Property Committee last year all his financial records in connection with the sale of surplus bronze screen wire to C. B. Warr, an Oklahoma City builder.

Fireman's Friendship With Two Mice Grows

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—(AP)—Jacob Shinabarger, night fireman for a heating plant, didn't know what he was starting when he adopted two mice to help him while away the lonely hours.

The mice would come out of their hole and eat bread from Shinabarger's hand. He named them Susie and Tommy.

He called them out again the other night, as usual. Out came Susie, then Tommy, and then two squeaking offspring.

"I don't know," mused Shinabarger. "Guess you can overdo a good thing." However, they're still friends and Shinabarger shares his lunch with all four.

WEATHER

Fair and slightly warmer this afternoon and tonight. Saturday fair and mild.

Temperature at 2:30 today 60
High and low last 24 hours ..60-32
Sunset today 6:25
Sunrise tomorrow 7:00