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Legislature Pushing For Adjournment By Saturday

TELEPHONE STRIKE APPEARS LIKELY

General Visits Fort Bragg

Eisenhower Sees Big Foreign Task

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FORT BRAGG—General of the Army Dwight Eisenhower, paying his first official visit to this sprawling military reservation, took time out today to make a pointed distinction between the post-war Army now taking shape and the peacetime Army of sainted memory.

World War II will not end so far as the Army is concerned, he told a half-dozen reporters at an informal conference at V Corps Headquarters here, so long as troops are in occupation territory anywhere. The General himself gives his first attention to the American forces in Germany, Japan and Korea—some 450,000 at the moment—and he recommends that every American citizen do the same.

Occupation is the Army's job, he said. But success or failure of the occupation is every American's business. The job of maintaining the peace begins in the conquered nations of Europe or Asia and the cost of failure at any point will be far heavier than the cost of maintaining adequate occupation forces, he warned.

The shape of the post-war Army, he pointed out, will be determined by the length of occupation. The General is encouraged over progress in the occupation zones thus far and foresees a steady reduction in current foreign garrisons. Under present conditions, however the million-man volunteer army which is the War Department's goal for 1947 represents this minimum security required to meet past and present commitments, and the General admits cheerfully that the Army is taking a long gamble in trying to maintain adequate strength on a volunteer basis.

He is confident, however, that the gamble will pay big dividends. The peacetime draftee, he pointed out, was the most

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GEN. EISENHOWER, Chief of Staff, now on an inspection trip to Fort Bragg, is shown in this informal pose as he ate at an Army post.

444 Bills Still Before Lawmakers

Wine-Beer Bill Sent To Senate

RALEIGH — (AP) — Presiding officers told the Legislature today that every effort would be made to reach final adjournment by Saturday, even though 444 active bills now are before the Assembly.

President Ballentine said that many bills would be killed by committees, while Speaker Pearsall said that about 100 would have to be disposed of every day if adjournment is reached by the contemplated date.

Extra long sessions, therefore, seem to be in store for the legislators, who convened this session Jan. 8.

Along with Ballentine's statement of a hope for early adjournment, the Senate set its traditional "love feast," usually a jovial get-together, for Friday night. It originally had been set for next Tuesday. The House plans its similar fiesta tomorrow.

A minor party squabble broke in the House and the Democratic side was upheld when a bill by Senator Neal of McDowell was reached. Rep. Chambers asked its indefinite postponement. That was done. But a few minutes later Rep. Shuford of Buncombe asked its reconsideration and passage. That was done although Chambers said the people of Old Fort and Marion did not want the bill, which would have extended policy authority to within a mile of those cities' limits. Shuford said Neal was very anxious for its passage, as was the chairman of the McDowell Democratic Executive Committee.

WINE-BEER BILL PASSED

The House passed on routine third reading and sent to the Senate to permit statewide local elections on the sale of wine and beer.

The Senate passed a House bill setting up machinery whereby proposed Hill-Burton Federal appropriations funds may be accepted in this state for the establishment of local hospitals and medical centers and otherwise to carry out the medical care program.

Also passed was a House bill setting marriage license fees at $4, all to go to the county's general fund. The Senate also approved its bill to establish a rehabilitation program for the shell-fish industry. It carries a $100,000 appropriation.

The House passed, 65 to 34, an amended Senate bill to promote safe and sane driving on the highways. The amendment would make mandatory annual inspection of motor vehicle, instead of semi-annual inspections. An effort to strike out that House amendment was defeated and the bill was returned to the Senate for concurrence. The bill also provides for reissuance of drivers' licenses, and quadrennially thereafter, 55-mile an hour speed limit, and stiff punishment for violations of the traffic laws. Two other attempts to amend the bill in the House were whipped.

Passed on third reading and sent to the Senate were bills to increase the inspection fees of bakeries and bottlers from $10 to $25 a year. Milk producers were exempted.

BOOTLEGGING

The Senate passed an amended measure prescribing minimum and mandatory punishment for bootlegging. As the bill now stands, first conviction will carry a fine of $100 or three months imprisonment; second, $250 or six months; and third, $500 or nine months.

Long afternoon and night sessions loomed for both the Senate and the House.

The Senate refused to concur in House changes in the

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Action Deferred On Libel Bill

RALEIGH — (AP) — Senate Judiciary One today postponed to an indefinite date action on a bill to amend North Carolina's libel laws to make publishers liable to imprisonment or fine when adjudged guilty of criminal libel.

The motion to defer was made by the bill's introducer, Senator Johnson of Duplin. He said when he sent up the bill that he was doing so on request.

The measure would have added a new section to the statutes allowing plaintiffs to collect punitive and actual damages in case a court finds for them in a civil charge of libel against a publisher. Present law provides for collection only of actual damages.

'Think Over' Hot Issue

Rent And Housing Action Postponed By Committee

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Locked in a wrangle over a proposed 10 per cent general rent increase, the House Banking Committee voted 17 to 7 today to postpone all action on rent and housing legislation until April 16.

Chairman Wolcott, Republican, Michigan, said the committee felt they should have "a chance to think over" the hot issue of a rent rise.

The group voted tentatively 9 to 6 yesterday to include a 10 per cent hike in rents in a bill extending rent controls to next March 31.

But when the committee met again today, it approved a motion by Rep. Kunkel, Republican, Pennsylvania, to postpone final action.

The Senate Banking Committee earlier this week unanimously rejected a proposal to allow a general 10 per cent rental increase.

As the House Committee session broke up, Wolcott told reporters:

"The members want to think this thing over during the Easter recess. This committee does not want to make any undue mistakes. We want to mull it over and see if we can't come to unanimous committee action."

Some committeemen told reporters privately that they believe the committee will kill the 10 per cent increase and adopt a measure along the lines of that approved by the Senate Banking group.

The Senate measure would create citizen advisory committees in various rental areas. These committees could make recommendations for any upward rental adjustments or complete elimination of rent control. The final decision would be left to the Federal Housing Administrator.

Marshall Tells Molotov

Only 6,180 U. S. Troops Will Remain In China

MOSCOW — (AP) — U. S. Secretary of State Marshall has informed Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov that when the present withdrawals of U. S. troops from China are completed, only 6,180 military and naval personnel will remain, it was announced today. The troops remaining in China will be there at the request of the Chinese Government, the American Secretary told Molotov.

Marshall said that American forces had repatriated 3,000,000 Japanese to their homeland from China, and then added: "As for the disposition of the estimated 700,000 Japanese taken in Manchuria by the Soviets, I have no information."

Marshall sent a letter to Molotov on March 31, meeting Molotov's request for an exchange of information by the United States and Britain with Russia on the status of the fulfillment of obligations concerning China as outlined in the Moscow agreement of December, 1945.

FORMAL LETTER

His letter was strictly formal. For the most part it suggested that Molotov read the statements which President Truman issued on Dec. 15, 1946, and Dec. 18, 1946.

Marshall's letter was distributed tonight by the American delegation press office. The report which Molotov presumably sent to Marshall had not been made public up to that time.

British Foreign Secretary Bevin was reported to have declined to engage in the exchange of information, on the ground that China was principally a Soviet-American problem.

Marshall attached copies of the two Presidential statements which he told Molotov, the Soviet Minister would find "self-explanatory."

Marshall earlier had been reported hopeful that the differences in the four-power Foreign Ministers Council blocking progress on a German settlement might yet be composed. French and British diplomats took a more dismal view, however.

Democrats Hold City

Kennelly Elected Chicago's Mayor

CHICAGO — (AP) — Republican hopes of smashing the Democrats' sixteen year old "big city" political dynasty lay shattered today under a tide of Democratic votes that swept Martin H. Kennelly into office as Chicago's new mayor.

KENNELLY

hained business man in his first bid for elective office, described himself as an independent Democrat who had "not promised anybody anything" and was "under no obligation to any man or group of men."

He was supported by retiring Mayor Edward J. Kelly and his powerful Democratic organization. Kelly, after a record tenure of fourteen years, stepped aside this year.

Root, 49-year-old lawyer who as Cook County Republican Chairman, directed his party to victory in last November's County contests, was supported by Gov. Dwight H. Green's Republican organization.

Candidates and their supporters had made the election a national affair. Democratic chairman Robert E. Hannegan had termed the contest an "important preliminary engagement" to next year's Presidential battle.

Today, however, Reece said he saw "no special significance" in the election.

"Chicago has had a Democratic mayor for almost a quarter of a century," he told a reporter.

Asked whether he thought the results set any trend or had any bearing on the 1948 Presidential campaign, Reece replied:

"No. A Democratic city went Democratic. Of course, any election is important. It would have been very nice to carry a Democratic city."

Complete returns showed Kennelly's majority was 273,354 votes over Russell W. Root, his Republican opponent. Kennelly's Democratic running mate, Ludwig D. Schreiber for City Clerk and Joseph T. Baran for City Treasurer, also scored easy victories. The total vote of 1,586,941 was the largest in the history of a Mayoral ballot.

THE VOTE

Returns from the city's 4,054 precincts gave Kennelly 919,593 to 646,239 for Root.

The Republicans, who won fourteen of the seventeen Cook (Chicago) County offices last November, scored their only gains in the Democratic dominated City Council.

By winning twelve of the nineteen runoff aldermanic contests, the Republicans assured themselves of eighteen of the 50 seats in the new City Council, their largest representation since 1931, when they had seventeen. Candidates endorsed by the Democratic organization won 32 seats in the February aldermanic elections and the runoff contests yesterday.

In the old Council, the Democrats claimed 40 aldermen, the Republicans eight and independents two. The largest number of Republican aldermen in history was 25 in 1929.

Kennelly, 59-year-old silver-

6 Germans Die In Crash

BERLIN—(AP)—Six German civilians were killed and 60 injured, 20 of them seriously at Halle in Russian-occupied Saxony yesterday, when two cars of a street railway were derailed and crashed into a crowd standing at a station.

Walkout Is Scheduled To Begin On Monday

No Change In Picture

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Joseph A. Beirne, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, said today that "the way things look now" a nation-wide telephone strike will begin as scheduled next Monday.

Beirne gave that word to reporters after a two and one-half hour conference on company-union negotiations with Edgar L. Warren, head of the U. S. Conciliation Service, and John W. Gibson, Assistant Secretary of Labor.

"There is no change in the picture whatsoever," Beirne said. "The companies have offered nothing whatsoever. If there is no change there will be a strike."

STRIKE DEADLINE

The strike deadline is 6 A. M. Monday, according to the various time zones. Beirne's NFTW represents 287,000 employees of 29 NFTW affiliates from coast to coast.

A short time before Beirne spoke, the House Labor Committee approved legislation designed to give the Government power to head off or stop the strike. Chairman Hartley, Republican, New Jersey, said he would press for House action on the measure but conceded there was no chance of its passage before Monday.

Warren also told reporters that the situation looked gloomy.

"I've got no indication from either side that they have changed their position in such a way to bring them closer to a settlement," Warren said in response to questions.

Hartley said the anti-strike legislation was not merely designed to prevent a walkout but could be used after it starts.

The measure provides that when the President finds that a labor dispute has resulted in or threatens substantial curtailment of public utility, transportation, or communication services, he shall direct the Attorney General to obtain a court order to prevent a strike.

CHANGES MADE

Several changes were made in the strike-injunction legislation before the committee approved it. Fourteen Republicans and two Democrats voted for the bill and three Democrats against it. Six committee members were absent.

Hartley said he had not discussed the "element of time," for consideration of the bill with the House leadership. But, he said, "they have given no indication to me that they oppose it."

One Killed In 'Katy' Wreck

ARMSTRONG, Okla. — (AP)—The Missouri-Kansas-Texas (Katy) special passenger train and a freight crashed sidewiped today, killing one person and injuring several others.

The dead man was Louis Hansen, engineer of the passenger train.

A. T. Ballard, fireman of the passenger train, was critically injured and taken to the Katy Hospital in Denison.

Reds' Greek Envoy Reported Recalled

ATHENS —(AP)— The rightist newspaper Vradyni said today the Soviet Ambassador to Greece, Adm. Constantine Rodionov, had been recalled. A Soviet Embassy spokesman said the report "may be true—call me up later."

Rodionov was called back to Moscow last August for conferences, just before the Greek plebiscite which returned the late King George II to the Greek throne.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

Temperature at 3:30 today 68
High and low last 24 hours 67-44
Sunset today 6:48
Sunrise tomorrow 5:48

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Lewis' Action Hit

Miners' Mourning Period Attacked

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Reeves, Republican, Missouri, told the House today that the soft coal miners' mourning period decreed by John L. Lewis is "a thinly veiled and mocking strike" order with "contemptuous disregard" of a Supreme Court decision.

The nation's 400,000 bituminous coal miners now are idle while observing a six-day work stoppage ordered in memory of the 111 victims of the Centralia, Ill., disaster by Lewis, who is president of the United Mine Workers.

Reeves said the miners are idle this week although the nation's need for coal never was greater.

Whether or not they want to work, he said on the House floor, they are off the job "because one man has commanded them to do so in order to demonstrate his dictatorial power and to express his defiance of the Government and the decree of the Supreme Court forbidding the calling of a strike.

"It is obvious to every thinking citizen that Lewis is more interested in the prestige and power of John L. Lewis than he is in the welfare of his miners. And it is time to bring to an end this kind of exploitation of American labor and the American people."

Reeves said it now is reported that "the miners' dictator" has had since last November a copy of a report of Mine Inspector Frank Perz, recommending numerous reforms in the Centralia mines.

"The record fails to show that he acted at any time to safeguard the men whose loss he now officially mourns," Reeves said.

UMW officials had no comment on Reeves' statement.

The Government tried to bolster its coal mine services—amid threats of an extended shutdown of "unsafe" mines.

The memorial work stoppage is due to end Easter Sunday night. But union officials in two Midwest districts declared the miners there will not work next week in pits they regard as too dangerous.

Work On Aid Legislation

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted today to require Senate confirmation of the director of the proposed $400,000,000 aid program for Turkey and Greece.

Working methodically on the assistance legislation, the Committee also voted to bar the use of any of the aid funds for repayment of past debts of the two countries.

PREAMBLE ADOPTED

Also adopted was a preamble by Sens. Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, and Connally, Democrat, setting out that the United States is extending assistance to the two nations within the spirit of the United Nations Charter.

Chairman Vandenberg, Republican, said all votes were unanimous. He said that a proposal he had offered, which would give the United Nations authority to call a halt to the American assistance program, would be considered by the Committee tomorrow.

Vandenberg said Acting Secretary of State Acheson had "expressed interest in the general objective" of the amendment, which has aroused opposition from some Democratic Senators.

Meanwhile, Sen. George, Democrat, Georgia, declared that any attempt to reorganize the United Nations by leaving out Russia would be futile and lead only to the formation of power blocs.

The possibility of such a reorganization was raised by Senator Byrd, Democrat, Virginia, in a speech yesterday calling for a showdown "with Russia and her Communistic satellites."

Byrd proposed that the current problems of Greece and Turkey be placed before the United Nations for action immediately.

If Russia vetoes action, Byrd counseled, take steps to remove the veto privilege; if that means the retirement of Russia from the U. N., and she "persists in being an enemy to free peoples" then, the Virginian said bluntly, "it is better to have her outside the family than inside the family."

U. S. Minister To Ireland Resigns

WASHINGTON—(AP)—David Gray, minister to Ireland, resigned today.

His cabled resignation, effective July 1, was accepted by President Truman. Gray attributed his action to "personal reasons."

U. S. Steel Silent

Steel Price Slashes Reported Considered

NEW YORK —(AP)— Reports that further cuts in steel prices were being considered by U. S. Steel drew a brief "no comment" from representatives of that company today.

A week ago U. S. Steel said that "no releases regarding price cuts" were being prepared.

Iron Age, steel trade publication, said however, that the move to reduce extra charges — begun a few weeks ago by the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, U. S. Steel subsidiary, probably would be broadened to include a number of other steel products.

"Some changes are expected in wire rod and other wire products, and studies are being made with a view to reduction of charges in tubular goods," Iron Age said.

In Washington, Government officials primarily concerned with price trends, told reporters they have not been advised of U. S. Steel's intentions.

Pleas for voluntary price cuts by industry have been voiced publicly by President Truman, Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, Secretary of Commerce Harriman, and Leon G. Nourse, chairman of the President's Economic Advisory Council — to name a few. The requests have been general, however, rather than directed to specific companies.

That U. S. Steel might be considering price cuts on a number of products, is considered probable by some Government officials. In addition to the pressure of public appeals by the President, they note reports that first quarter income of U. S. Steel may top not only the fourth quarter 1946 showing of $31,000,000 but also the third-quarter income figure of $23,000,000.

Hal Boyle In Carolina

Hal Boyle, the AP'S famous war correspondent turned roving reporter, is visiting the historic Outer Banks of North Carolina. His story today is based on information obtained during his visit. Turn to page 7-A.

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