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Truman Signs Legislation Banning Portal Pay Suits

President's Message Is Given To Legislators

Minimum Wage Plea Renewed

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman signed into law today legislation banning portal pay suits and sent Congress a fresh request that it raise the minimum wage to 65 cents an hour.

In a message to the legislators, the President:

1. Emphasized that he was signing the portal bill because he believed it in the interest of economic stability; that both business and the Government are relieved of the potential liability for billions of dollars. But he said there were defects in the measure and asked that Congress remedy them.

2. Asked again that Congress raise the minimum wage from 40 to 65 cents an hour.

3. In effect, prodded business to reach wage agreements with workers and reduce prices.

Mr. Truman said that uncertainty over the portal claims removed "current wage negotiations can proceed more readily to a satisfactory conclusion and business men will be able to plan with assurance for full production and price reductions."

"This," he added, "will be of real value to labor and management in the maintenance of a continued high level of employment."

More than \$6,000,000,000 in suits were filed by unions for portal pay claims. Many of them have been withdrawn since the key case, brought by pottery workers at Mt. Clemens, Mich., was dismissed in Federal Circuit Court at the request of the union.

The suits sought pay for time workers spent preparing for work. Some made claims for such things as cleaning clothes, waiting for sharpening tools and similar activities.

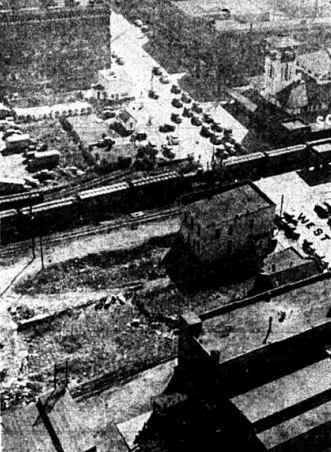
LIABILITY RELIEVED

Mr. Truman emphasized that he signed the measure because "its primary purpose is to relieve employers and the Government of the potential liability for billions of dollars in so-called portal-to-portal claims."

At the same time, the President said, "some doubts have been expressed as to the real effect of this legislation upon our wage and hour standards." He continued:

"Prior to its adjournment last year, the Congress had reached agreement on legislation to increase minimum wage standards. I trust that with the removal of the portal-to-portal act relieving the business community of a burden of billions of dollars, Congress will now turn to a re-examination of minimum wage standards."

Railroad Bottleneck, No. 1



TRAFFIC PROBLEM—The Charlotte Planning Board is studying the problem of bottlenecks blocking the flow of traffic in the uptown area. The News begins today publication of a series of dramatic air photos which clearly point up the problem facing the planners. The picture above, first in the series, shows cars lined up in both directions as a freight train ambles

across busy West End St. at the Southern station. Hundreds of cars are blocked many times daily by trains at this, one of the busiest points in the city costing Charlotteans and visitors great aggravation and many thousands of wasted minutes. The second in this series of pictures will be printed in tomorrow's Charlotte News.

Action Next Week Income Tax Cut Bill Given Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—The \$4,000,000,000 income tax cut bill reached the Senate today, clearing the way for action on the measure, probably next week.

Chairman Millikin, Republican, Colorado, of the Finance Committee, which approved with some changes the bill passed by the House, formally reported the legislation to the Senate.

Under present plans it is to be considered far consideration next week. However, there has been growing support for a Democratic proposal of delay action until the Senate and House have agreed on budget cuts.

DIFFERENCES

The House voted to slash President Truman's \$37,500,000,000 budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 by \$4,000,000,000. The Senate approved a cut of only \$4,500,000,000, with a provision that at least \$2,000,000,000 of any surplus be applied to the public debt.

Senator George Democrat, Georgia, narrowly lost by a 7 to 6 vote of the Finance Committee an effort to hold up the tax cutting bill until June 15.

Schwinnhart commented that he had "considerable doubts as to the ease against the fourth defendant, Joseph Freeman, Washington."

May is accused in the case of taking \$55,000 in bribes from the agents of the Garzaos while a wartime chairman of the House Military Committee.

Holdup Man Kills Woman

PEORIA, Ill. (AP)—A holdup man attempted to tear his mask from his face, shot her to death early today while she was parked with a man in an automobile in Bradley Park, in the northwest section of Peoria.

The dead woman was Mrs. Olive Baker, 26, wife of Marshall Baker, a brewery employee. Detective Harry Schultz and George Grizzle said William Dollard, 20, a milk clerk on vacation, told them this story.

Dollard and Mrs. Baker were parked on a lonely road about 1 1/2 A. M. today when a man wearing a handkerchief mask opened the car door on Mrs. Baker's side.

"This is a holdup. I want some money," the bandit said.

Mrs. Baker grabbed at his mask and the bandit pulled the so to at Mrs. Baker's throat, tried once and then by police and State's Attorney Roy P. Hull.

The offerer said Marshall Baker told them he had not seen his wife since shortly after 6 A. M. yesterday, when he left for work. The couple had no children.

Textron Head Raps Pricing

SHAWNEE-ON-DELAWARE, Pa.—"The textile industry's dishonest pricing methods at all levels, should be replaced by a brand-name international revision cost system," Little president of Textron, Inc.

Relief Plan Approved By Senate

\$350,000,000 Aid Plan Is Voted

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate approved today a \$350,000,000 relief program for war ravaged countries of Europe and Asia.

The vote was 79-4. It passed the measure after first refusing to go along with a House-approved slash of \$150,000,000 in the program by the House.

While the legislation itself does not set forth the countries in which food and supplies will be distributed, Secretary of State Marshall said they are Austria, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, China and Trieste.

The bill is the second of two key multi-million dollar measures in the Administration's foreign policy program.

The other is a \$400,000,000 economic and military relief to Greece and Turkey. It has been passed by both Senate and House but awaits approval of the Senate.

Best Bet

Adm. Halsey Urges Strong Navy Reserve

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey declared today "this is still a world that thinks of the Navy as a relic of the past."

Urging wide support of Naval Reserve Week May 18 to 23, he added: "All of us hope that the last gun has roared in World War II."

British Beer Will Be 10 Per Cent Stronger

LONDON (AP)—Post Minister Clegg today announced that British beer will be 10 per cent stronger from now on.

Want Principal Back Students Strike In Avery County School

NEWLAND (AP)—Some 300 of the 400 students at the high school in nearby Cranberry left their classes yesterday and they did not intend to return until the Avery County School Board, which they demand to be re-elected, C. Bowick as principal.

Mandate End Demanded Hot Red Attack Made On British Palestine Rule

NEW YORK (AP)—Soviet Russia today delivered a vigorous attack on Britain's administration of Palestine and demanded immediate termination of the League of Nations mandate.

The Soviet position was set forth by Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at an extraordinary session of the United Nations Assembly moved toward final action on the elevation of Palestine into a free state.

He said British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had admitted failure to meet the mandate as a result of the Palestine problem and that several mandates had arrived at the same conclusion.

Called Threat To Peace

Gromyko said discussions before the Assembly had shown that the present situation in Palestine was a threat to peace.

Ordered Back Phone Workers To Pass Pickets

NEW YORK (AP)—The 8,000 members of Local 1, American Union of Telephone Workers, who have been respecting picket lines of the Association of Communication Equipment Workers, today were ordered back to work in the Long Line Department of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. tomorrow morning.

Plane Crash Kills Four

HONESDALE, Pa.—A monoplane carrying four persons on a return flight from New York City to Rochester, N. Y., crashed in a wooded area near the Pennsylvania woods area, killing all four.

Craft Victim Was Charlotte's Brother

Bernard E. Moore, one of the victims in last night's plane crash in Pennsylvania, was a brother of three Charlotteans, Stanley Moore, 37, a sales manager at the Douglas Graham, all of 2145 Kirkwood Ave.

Rename Reynolds State Health Head

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.—The North Carolina State Board of Health today unanimously re-elected Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, 75, as State health officer for a four-year term.

Beauty Parlor Operator Slain

ANTIOLE, Ill.—Edna Lucille Ketzman, 21, an attractive beauty operator, was found today dead and strangled to death.

Two Carolinians Killed In Maryland Accident

WASHINGTON (AP)—Robert Jordan, 34, Conway, S. C., died last night from injuries suffered Friday in an automobile accident near Andrews Field, Md.

Two others were killed in the crash. They were Paul H. Hall, 26, Mount Airy, N. C., listed by police as driver of the car which failed to make a right turn. Catherine D. Razer of Washington.

One Of 31 Defendants Says Hurd Was Slayer

GREENVILLE, S. C.—(AP)—George M. Covington, one of the 31 defendants in the Willie Earle lynching trial here, today identified R. Carlos Hurd Sr. as the man who shot the young Negro twice.

In a purported statement by Covington, introduced today, the defendant said that Hurd Sr. asked for another shot for his gun but that no one produced one.

Two other purported stabbers, T. W. Brown, Greenville taxi driver, for whose stabbing and robbery Earle was being held when he was splited away from the car, and H. E. Earle, 24-year-old Negro twice, first while Earle was lying on the ground, waving on one elbow.

Two other confessions

Two other purported confessions were introduced this morning, one of them identifying Hurd Sr. as the man who carried a shotgun.

A statement by Hubert Carter, as read by Solicitor Sam R. Watt, said Carter longer was obligated to the National Federation of Telephone Workers' policy in observing picket lines of other utilities.

The NFWU, which called the nation-wide strike April 7, estimated yesterday that at least 17,000 of the original 34,000 strikers still were out pending settlements to be reached through local negotiations.

Mrs. Naughton said in her statement that the Local 1 Executive Committee believed "no further good can be accomplished by subjecting our members to a weakening of the union structure by splitting our ranks."

Under other charges read to the jury, was by Conway Alberson, City manager, who was indicted by James Truman Cantrell, nineteen-year-old taxi driver.

State Health Head

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. Eugene Bishop, whose statement was introduced yesterday over defense objections.

Beauty Parlor Operator Slain

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mrs. Julia Moyer, discovering the left hand containing \$3,500 worth of checks and cash in a taxicab, was still more shocked when she realized she didn't know the cab's license number.

Partly cloudy and continued warm through Friday.