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Committee Paves Way For House Debate On Draft CEASE FIRE IN EUROPE

Communist Leader.

Gottwald Named Czech President

By A. I. GOLDBERG
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia.—(AP)—Klement Gottwald, a Communist, was elected President of Czechoslovakia today.

Parliament, which numbers 214 Communists among its 300 members, chose him by acclamation to succeed Eduard Beneš, who resigned the Presidency a week ago today.

Gottwald, who has been Czechoslovakia's Premier since July 3, 1946, was the only candidate and thus became this nation's third President. Sixteen years ago he stood for the Presidency against Thomas G. Masaryk, the country's first Chief Executive, but received only a handful of votes.

Anton Zapotocky, a trades union leader who has been the deputy Premier, succeeds Gottwald as the Cabinet head.

Gottwald is 61 years old, a native of Moravia, a former carpenter. He engineered the February coup which gave the Communists full control of Czechoslovakia. He has been a Communist for decades and spent two war years in Moscow.

His election as President was accompanied by elaborate ceremony—21-gun salute, tolling church bells, a Te Deum mass of Thanksgiving by Archbishop Josef Beran and Troop reviews. Tonight, the people of Prague have been invited to a reception at the courtyard of the Presidential palace.

KLEMENT GOTTWALD

Truce Takes Effect

Palestine Guns Finally Stilled

By MAX ROYD
CAIRO.—(AP)—The Arab-Jewish truce was reported to have brought quiet to Palestine at last today. The United Nations mediator was on Rhodes setting up headquarters for negotiations toward lasting peace.

Lynch Bill Is Approved

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Senate Judiciary Committee today approved a bill to make lynching a Federal crime. A Southern opponent promptly promised to fight it to the bitter end.

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Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.), chief committee backer of the bill, still held out a hope for time on the jammed Senate schedule to consider it. Southern Democrats have promised to try to talk to death any such legislative business.

The Republican policy committee has placed the bill high on its priority list without actually assigning it any time.

Voting against the measure at a nearly three-hour closed committee session were Senators Moore (R-Okla.), Eastland (D-Miss.) and Fulbright (D-Ark.).

Favoring it were Chairman Wiley (R-Wash.), who announced the measure, and Senators Langer (R-Ind.), Revercomb (R-Wyo.), Donnell (R-Ill.), Cooper (R-Tenn.), Clegg (D-Calif.), Clegg (D-New), McCarran (D-Rid.), Kilgore (D-Wyo.) and Magnuson (D-Wash.).

Eastland said he will try to defeat it with every means at his disposal.

"The statement is made that it is in the bill already in the law," he told reporters. "If that be true then the bill is an attempt to humiliate the Southern states."

"I am going to fight it till I freeze over."

This is what both our readers and our writers say about the CAROLINA FARMER section, published as a regular feature of THE NEWS every Monday.

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Rules Group Vote Sends Measure To Floor

Passage Seen As Almost Sure

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—

The Rules Committee voted 6-4 today to send the draft bill to the House floor for debate later this week.

The decision has been pending in the Rules Committee since May 7. Before the vote was taken Chairman Andrews (R-NY) of the House Armed Services Committee appealed for the measure to be cleared to the House floor.

Rep. Dewey Short (R-Mo), leading draft opponent in the House, opposed the action by the rules group. Passage of the bill is considered virtually assured.

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Even the bill's most energetic opponents concede it will pass easily once it hits the floor.

The measure, setting up a two-year peacetime draft, would make men from nineteen through 25 liable for two years' service in uniform. Similar legislation passed the Senate 18 to 10 last Thursday. Both bills would exempt most veterans.

Army authorities have estimated about 200,000 unmarried non-veterans would be drafted the first year.

Preparations for getting the men into uniform have been under way for months. The Office of Selective Service Reports—a skeleton organization of the wartime draft—thinks it could start inductions within 60 to 90 days after the law became effective.

Instead of the goldfish bowl ceremony to draw draft numbers, current plans call for the draft to follow age groups—probably those 21 years old first—and the order of birthdates. That is, those born Jan. 1 would be called first, Jan. 2, second, and so on.

While the House draft would require men to serve in uniform, the Senate bill would allow them to serve in the civilian service.

Rep. Powell (D-Ky.) has served notice he intends to offer 31 amendments in his fight "for the complete repeal of Jim Crow in the armed forces."

The Negro lawmaker said in a week-end statement he will "stage a one-man strike against conducting any other business in the House."

If he is not given full time to present all his amendments.

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Pictures Of Rock Hill Gang-Style Slaying



Sixteen-year-old Marie Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Morgan who live on Highway 49, about twelve miles north of York, S. C., points to the spot where she first saw the crate containing the remains of George C. Beam Jr. floating in the muddy water of Crowder's Creek early Saturday afternoon.

President Defends Trip

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—President Truman said today that only his opponents consider his cross-country campaign a "low-down political trip."

He was to receive James Roosevelt, son of his predecessor in the White House and chairman of the Democratic State Committee, at his hotel suite this afternoon.

Military and civilian leaders, headed by Lt. Gov. Goodwin Knight, headed the welcoming committee.

Navy band as the Chief Executive stepped out of the train at the Ambassador Hotel.

Truman, dapper in a brown suit, appeared on the train's back platform. Asked how he felt, he said: "Oh, you always feel fine in California."

Mrs. Truman and daughter, Margaret, with him, were presented with carnation leis by wives of Los Angeles newsmen.

He will make the last of a series of five "major" addresses of the "ambassador" tour.

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Bargaining Ordered

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Earlier Curran had said the union would not defy the law.

The injunction specifically named the National Maritime Union, the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, and the American Radio Association, all CIO affiliates, as well as unlicensed shipping personnel and 54 shipping companies.

Injunctions affecting the other unions involved were expected to be filed in other cities today.

Judge Clancy's order also restrains the ship operators from locking out union workers.

The Justice Department charged the threatened strike endangered industry and it permitted to occur would impair the national health and safety.

Unless enjoined, the complaint continued, the impending walkout would cause the United States to suffer irreparable injury for which it has no adequate remedy at law.

The suit was filed by Joseph M. Friedman, special assistant to Attorney General Tom Clark. Friedman said last Saturday a maritime walkout would affect the nation's public health and safety.

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Man's Body Put In Box And Thrown Into River

Clues Lacking In Weird Case

By RALPH GIBSON

Charlotte News Staff Writer

YORK, S. C.—York County Police and Rock Hill city officers today began an intensive investigation into the murder of George C. Beam Jr., young Rock Hill business man, whose decomposed body was found Saturday in a box in a creek about twelve miles north of York.

Meanwhile, funeral services for Mr. Beam were being held at the first Lutheran Church in Lincolnton. The body was found Saturday in a box in a creek about twelve miles north of York.

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