

Hoover Urges Ban On Politics In Post Office Dept.

Suggestion Is Made To Congress Career Postal Chiefs Proposed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Hoover Commission said today the Post Office Department should be taken out of politics.

The Postmaster General, it said, should not be allowed to head a national political committee, and the Postmasters throughout the country should be career men chosen from within the postal service and not subject to confirmation by the Senate.

These were the highlights of a report to Congress by the 12-member Hoover Commission created last year to report on organization of the executive branch of the Government.

Postmaster General Harboer Hoover is chairman.

Weeker Rent Curb Measure Forecast

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rent controls seemed sure today to be continued, but perhaps in weaker and shorter form than President Truman has requested.

A check of some leading members of the House Banking Committee, now considering the legislation, indicated this line of thinking:

1. Continuation of rent ceilings for 12 to 14 months. Mr. Truman has requested two years.

2. Ban on mass eviction of tenants. Some landlords have threatened to withdraw their rental property from the market if rent ceilings are extended.

3. Power for the rent administrator to sue for damages where landlords overcharge tenants. But the Administration may not get its requested authority to bring criminal action, with fine and imprisonment on conviction, against property owners who violate rent law.

Tenants now have a right to sue for rent overcharges. But the Administration contends that the fear of eviction prevents them from taking their complaints to the rent administrator.

It now is uncertain whether Congress will extend the Administration's plan to stop a growing black market in rental charges and (B) to restore controls over several classes of rental property previously decontrolled.

Tight Woods, Housing Expediter, has asked the committee for tighter authority to stop a growing black market in rental charges and (B) to restore controls over several classes of rental property previously decontrolled.

Two large property owner organizations—the National Apartment Owners Association and the Metropolitan Police Board of New York City—told the committee yesterday they do not substitute the idea of rent evictions.

NYLON MYSTERY

A Pat Reed (above) is one of several under suspicion of having been disintegrated right on their legs in the downtown area of Jacksonville, Fla. Pat displays her stockings, ripped to shreds by mysterious and massive forces.

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Committee Listens To Drys Pro-Referendum Group Heard

RALEIGH (AP)—The General Assembly today sought an answer to an age-old problem: what to do about liquor?

Leaders of dry forces were scheduled to come before a Joint Legislative Committee on Liquor to plead for legislation which would let the voters of the state decide whether they want the state to be wet or dry.

The hearing was before the Senate and House Committees on Provisions and Ordinances. Opponents of a statewide liquor vote will be heard next Tuesday.

The two committees have before them two measures which provide for a statewide liquor referendum. One of them, introduced by Rep. L. A. Martin of Davidson, would let the voters choose between letting liquor sales in the state completely, or retaining the present county option system.

The Martin measure would not affect sales of wine or beer.

Committee Approvals Unanimous

Huge Bond Issue Gets Green Light

RALEIGH (AP)—The House Roads Committee today gave a green light to Governor Scott's \$200,000,000 rural road program.

By a roaring unanimous vote, the committee gave a favorable report to a measure which would let the people decide in a state-wide election whether they want to issue \$200,000,000 in bonds to "get the farmer out of the mud."

The committee had the measure reported for the new Governor.

Europe Still Hopes For U. S. Promise

WASHINGTON (AP)—Western European nations were reported still hopeful today of obtaining American agreement to some promise of military support in the proposed North Atlantic security pact.

Diplomatic informants predicted that when the Europeans meet with Secretary of State Acheson they will again press on this point.

They are seeking to include in the pact the promise of U. S. military support.

European Sentenced In Spy Case

MUNICH, Germany (AP)—The U. S. Army partially lifted a heavy veil of secrecy today in a trial today partially sentenced a German spy, Klaus Fuchs, to 30 years in hard labor.

The eight-man U. S. military commission, ordered by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, is now in Munich, Germany, to investigate the spy case.

Foremen Call For Bargaining Rights

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Foreman's Association of America today asked Congress to require employers to bargain collectively with foremen.

Carl Brown, the association president, made the appeal in a statement prepared for the Senate Labor Committee.

The committee last yesterday was asked by the Ford Motor Co. to consider a bill which would give foremen the right to bargain collectively with their employers.

Boy Will Get Ears In Long Surgery Series

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Eight-year-old Jimmy Meadows finally is going to have a pair of ears. The operation, which will take two years and after six to eight operations.

The Harborton, Pa., boy was born without ears. The ones he is going to get will be made of plastic.

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Filibuster Ban Delayed

WASHINGTON (AP)—A proposal to speed up the filibuster process reached the Senate today but leaders agreed to put off action on it for seven days.

The proposed change in Senate rules would allow cloture to be invoked after 30 hours of debate instead of the present 36 hours.

Alaskan Flier Flights Passenger In Aerial Battle

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—A passenger aboard a small plane who was battling a passenger for fifteen minutes while his plane was being held by a five-place aircraft.

The passenger, who was identified as a man, was held in the plane for fifteen minutes while his plane was being held by a five-place aircraft.

Murray Urges Steel Expansion

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Phil Murray, director of the American Iron and Steel Institute, urged today that the steel industry expand its production.

Murray said that the steel industry should expand its production to meet the needs of the post-war economy.

Britain Suspends Four Scientists

LONDON (AP)—The British Government has suspended four scientists engaged in secret defense research because of doubts about their loyalty.

The suspension of the four scientists is a result of a report that they had been in contact with the enemy during the war.

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The "brain trust" is expected to be a group of experts who will advise the governments of Western Europe on economic matters.

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Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER REYNOLDS

The fellow that keeps saying "I'm sorry," is generally that fellow who is a wonder why some efficiency experts haven't tried to control the bee and the lightning bug for extra production.

Federal Housing Aid Is Necessity, O'Dwyer Says

WASHINGTON (AP)—Housing needs of low-income families can be met only with Federal help, O'Dwyer said today in a statement.

O'Dwyer, who is chairman of the Senate Housing Subcommittee, said that the Federal Government has a responsibility to provide housing for low-income families.

Blizzard Relief Fund Approved

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Agriculture Committee unanimously approved today \$44,000,000 to help farmers in the blizzard-battered areas of the West and Southwest.

The bill, which was introduced by Rep. Granville (D-Utah), makes a revolving fund of \$44,000,000 available to farmers in the blizzard-battered areas of the West and Southwest.

Bill Would End Aid For Defense Of U. N.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Brewster (R-Maine) asked Congress today to cut off all recovery money from any European country which refuses to obey "orders or requests" of the United Nations Security Council.

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WEATHER

Fair weather; cooler later and tonight. Low temperature 23. Friday partly cloudy and warmer.

Temperature at 3 P. M. today... 68
Rainfall... .48
Sunset today... 6:08
Moonset tomorrow... 6:08

MON. C. WALLGREN

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