

Big Odom Sets record for World's Flight - Fight

5,000-mile Hop Made in Light Plane

Non-Stop Trip Takes 36 Hours TETERBORO, N. J.—(AP)—Big Bill Odom soared in from Honolulu shortly after noon today setting a 5,000-mile world's non-stop record for light planes.

The 23-year-old former World War II ferry pilot, already holder of the world-circuit speed record, touched down his tiny monoplane at North Jersey airport at 12:08 P. M. (EST), 36 hours and one minute after leaving Honolulu.

Odom crossed the field at 12:22 P. M., exactly 36 hours after taking off at Honolulu.

He circled the field, then came in for a perfect landing. The landing pilot, wearing his Beechcraft Bonanza "Walkie Beech" along the runway, stopping at a hangar.

The plane was followed by an ambulance and two fire trucks. Hundreds of persons immediately swarmed around the plane as Odom stepped out to a waiting crowd of admirers.

A bright sun shone through the clouds and there was a clear sky over the field. To the east New York's City Hall spire was clearly visible.

Odom hopped out of the plane and crouched on the right wing for pictures and well-wishing hand-claps.

ODOM LANDS WITH NEW RECORD

All dressed up in his globe-trotting "lucky suit" and a new bomber hop, Bill Odom is shown here just before he took off from Honolulu on his non-stop flight to Teterboro, N. J. (AP Wirephoto).

Employment Agency Gets Boost in Funds

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Appropriations Committee today approved \$135,000,000 for the Bureau of Employment Security for the year starting July 1.

And if that figure isn't too little for the fiscal year, the committee said, it will raise the bill to \$175,000,000.

But the group said that, despite the rise in the number of jobs, employment prospects appear rather dimly.

Military Pay Tax Urged by Truman

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman proposes that all military pay be taxed, and that members of the armed forces contribute to their own retirement.

The recommendation is in a letter to Secretary of Defense Forrestal, dated March 5. It was read to the House Armed Services Committee today as the committee resumed hearings on a bill to raise military pay generally and overhaul the retirement system.

The bill would raise service pay an average of 14 per cent. Individual rates would range from about three per cent for the sixth enlisted grade to almost 36 per cent for generals and admirals.

Bulgarian Protestants Sentenced

1 Year to Life Terms Meted Out

By RICHARD KASIBCHKE SOFIA, Bulgaria.—(AP)—Communist Bulgaria meted out prison terms today to fifteen Protestant churchmen accused of spying and black marketing.

The ministers, called "questing liturgists" by a Government press department paper, stood without regard for their own safety, announced the sentences.

Then all the defendants announced they would not appeal.

Yanko Zlapkov, the leading defendant, broke into tears again at the conclusion of the judges' reading sentences: "I PROMISE TO HELP."

"I am satisfied. I promise to work with all my strength to build the new man in myself and to help in the construction of our socialist Republic."

Zlapkov, a Congressional minister, was a religious representative of the Protestant denomination in Sofia. He was sentenced to 15 years, three to ten years, and in addition got terms of five years for spreading false rumors and 10 years for allegedly trying to organize a strike against the Government.

Also sentenced to life were Yanko Zlapkov, Metodius Naumov, Bogdan, and Georgi Cherven, Communist Party members who were convicted and their civil rights were taken away.

Carb On P's Urged

RALEIGH (AP)—Legislation to change the method of appointing and paying judges of the judicial districts committee has been introduced by the House.

The committee heard arguments for and against the measure introduced by Rep. J. McMillan of Chowan but took no action.

McMillan said his bill would provide for appointment of judges by the House and judicial districts committee by County Commissioners and would place them on a salary basis.

The measure is sponsored by Rep. J. McMillan of Chowan but took no action.

Raleigh Mourns As Broughton is Buried

RALEIGH (AP)—North Carolina's capital city was mourning today as it made ready to hold funeral services for a distinguished member of the State.

U. S. Senator J. Melville Broughton, 70, died at his home in Raleigh at half past 11 in honor of Broughton who served the State as Governor during World War II.

The church from 10 A. M. until the hour of the funeral. Burial was held in Mountain View cemetery.

Barley was expected to arrive by bus during the morning and was accompanied by Senator J. Howard McCreath of Rhode Island, national leader of the American Legion.

Revenue Bond Issues Investigated

Enabling Act To Be Sought

By DICK YOUNG Charlotte News Staff Writer—A major opportunity for the Charlotte City Government to issue revenue bonds for the construction of a stadium, gymnasiums, auditoriums, swimming pools, athletic fields, exhibition halls and museums was being investigated today.

City Manager Henry A. Yancy said the City Council at its session tomorrow will be asked to sponsor legislation to be introduced in the current session of the General Assembly.

Passage of such a bill would give the local Government authority to finance several revenue producing projects.

The House Committee on Manufacturing and Labor met, but took no action on the bill.

A House Judiciary Committee bill which would relieve radio stations of liability for defamatory statements made by newsmen.

The Senate Agriculture Committee gave its approval to measures to amend the state fertilizer and feed laws.

Such bonds would not pledge the full faith and credit of the City Government, but a new debt, and would be repaid by the revenues from the particular project for which they were issued.

Red Trial Jury Selection Begins

NEW YORK (AP)—Selection of a jury has started in the conspiracy trial of eleven top Communist leaders after almost two months of argument and bitter wrangling.

Defense lawyers scripted the list of names to be called yesterday in a last-ditch effort against starting the trial.

But Federal Judge Harold R. Medina turned down a list of names and called in a group of prospective jurors.

Scott Asserts He Won't Accept Senatorial Post

RALEIGH (AP)—Governor Scott today rejected a suggestion that he make arrangements to be called to the Senate to succeed J. Melville Broughton in the U. S. Senate.

It would be possible for the Governor to resign under an agreement with Lieut. Gov. H. P. Taylor and create the Senatorial appointment.

"I would not consider such a proposal," Governor Scott asserted. "I have given a definite assignment to the people of North Carolina."

Rent Control Cleared

WASHINGTON (AP)—Legislation to keep rent controls in effect until the end of the war was approved by the House today.

The bill would amend the War Relocation Authority Act, which provides that rents be controlled until the end of the war.

Rep. Martin of Massachusetts, No. 1 Republican in the House, reported the bill to the House.

Whether the Senate will ever get the bill is not known.

Sen. Myers (D-Pa.) went before the Senate Banking Committee to urge approval of his bill for a 21 month extension of rent controls.

Mr. Yancy said that the bill has been passed by the Legislature as a state-wide measure but in the event the Federal Government should take over as a local bill, applying to all cities and towns in North Carolina.

Committee Okays Recovery Measure

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill promising the nations of Western Europe \$2,500,000,000 in second-year Marshall Plan aid has successfully passed its first major hurdle in Congress.

The measure, authorizing the full sum added by the Economic Cooperation Administration, was unanimously approved last yesterday by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Once Over Lightly

Syria Agreeable to Talks With Israelis

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—A United Nations spokesman said today Syria has agreed in principle to enter armistice talks with Israel.

The spokesman came to Syria as a representative of the United Nations, acting U. N. mediator for Palestine.

Honored by Florida College

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States' Rights Labor Issue

WASHINGTON (AP)—The States' rights issue is being raised by a Congressional leader over writing a new national labor law.

Rep. Charles McNary (D-Ind.) today said that under present law states may enter into contracts that would be void if they were not approved by the Federal Government.

He said he does not think states should be allowed to override Federal policy on closed and union shop contracts on a state-by-state basis.

Attorneys Arguments In 'Sally' Case Near End

WASHINGTON (AP)—Final pleas for acquittal and conviction were heard today in the trial of Sally Hunsinger.

Prosecuting and defense attorneys indicated that about three hours of oratory on top of three days of testimony would see them through.

James J. Laughlin, defending attorney, today presented evidence against charges of betraying her country to the Germans.

