

Congress Passes Government Reorganization Bill

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Weather
Cloudy and mild with occasional light rain today. Tomorrow, fair and slightly cooler.
Temperature at 2 P. M. today, 75. High and low for past 24 hours 82-67.
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SOAP BOX DERBY WINNER AND RUNNERUP



Shortly after Max Evans, seated in his "best designed" racer, won Charlotte's twelfth Soap Box Derby, he was congratulated by admiring fans. Kneeling to shake hands with the champ is Thomas L. Robinson, Charlotte News publisher; and beside him are Navy Chief Joseph N. Heilig, and O. A. Shaver, in whose workshop Max built his car. Behind Mr. Robinson are the Derby's co-chairmen, Coach Bill Brownin and Police Chief Stanhope Lineberry. (See Page 3-A and the second front for more Soap Box Derby pictures and stories).



Here's Jimmy Lower, the New London schoolboy who showed big-city Derby veterans that he knows how to build and drive a winning racer. Eleven years old, Jimmy entered the race as a novice, then came out Class "B" champion and City runner-up.

FBI Agent Testifies at Trial

Spy Papers Linked To Hiss' Typewriter

NEW YORK — (AP) — An FBI agent testified today that all but one of the typewritten documents the Government has put in evidence in the Alger Hiss perjury trial were written on the typewriter it claims the Hiss family owned.

While Mr. and Mrs. Hiss watched intently, the agent, Ramon C. Fehan, pointed out similarities in the typing of four personal papers of the Hiss family.

Previously the government has

BULLETIN

NEW YORK — (AP) — Henry J. Hain, Washington, former State Department official, testified today that he handed over several documents to Whitaker Chambers, courier for a Soviet spy ring.

Appearing as a surprise prosecution witness, Washington testified that he began taking Government documents "as soon as I entered the State Department in March, 1936."

Asked by Assistant U. S. Attorney Thomas F. Murphy, the prosecutor, if he was ever a Communist, Washington replied he collaborated with the Communist Party, was never a member of the party.

Washington was named earlier in the trial by Chambers as one of five sources of Government documents which he forwarded to the ring.

Indicated it will seek to show the machine was used to copy State Department secret documents, Whitaker Chambers, courier for a Soviet spy ring, accuses Hiss of passing copies of the documents to him for forwarding to the ring.

Fehan used a pointer to indicate red marks on five-time enlargements of the four papers.

Senator Doubts Missing Uranium Container Found

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) questioned today whether the Argonne atomic laboratory actually has located the container which held the uranium-235 lost from the lab last February. He said there was a "substantial" mystery about the whole affair.

Hickenlooper told the Senate-House Atomic Committee that lab officials have come forward with an ordinary fruit jar, saying it was the container. But all prior reports, the Senator declared, were that the uranium-235 was kept in a brown bottle.

Dr. Walter H. Zinn, director of the lab in Chicago, said there was no doubt about it — that, "completely and absolutely" the jar had contained the missing material. He said the FBI con-

cur in that opinion.

Hickenlooper took up the case of the missing uranium in pressing his charges of "incredible mismanagement" against the Atomic Energy Commission.

He has demanded that AEC Chairman David E. Lilienthal resign.

"The disappearance of the uranium-235 from the Chicago laboratory stirred a flurry on Capitol Hill when it first came to light last month.

It was disclosed that one ounce of uranium-235, in the form of uranium oxide, was found missing together with its container from a vault at Argonne on last Feb. 7. The commission later reported last month that several slugs of the U-235 had been recovered from waste material at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., lab.

Law Gives President Wide Power

Truman Plans Early Action

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Congress completed action today on a bill giving President Truman broad powers to streamline the executive branch of the Government.

The Senate, by a vote with no opposition, approved a compromise version of the bill which was worked out by a Senate-House committee yesterday.

The House passed it a few minutes earlier.

Senate action sent the measure on the way to the White House after a month of bitter wrangling.

BILL ACCEPTABLE

Senator L. D. Ives, of Illinois, the Democratic leader, told the Senate that President Truman has advised him the bill is acceptable to the White House.

Just before Congress acted President Truman said he would go ahead with reorganization plans as soon as Congress finished with the legislation.

The quicker Congress acts, he said, the more quickly the bill will be able to send to the Capitol during this session.

Mr. Truman would not discuss the specifics of the differing Senate House bills. He said only at that point that he does not believe the issue is a constitutional one.

The biggest difference was over whether it should take a vote of the Senate, or of both, to reject a plan from the White House after resubmitting executive agencies.

House and Senate congressmen got together yesterday on a compromise that would let a vote of a majority of the whole membership of either house stop reorganization.

Mr. Truman would not comment on a proposal that a special session of Congress be called for Oct. 1 to meet reorganization legislation.

The legislation provides that reorganization plans submitted to Congress by the President are effective within 60 days unless disapproved by a majority of the

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Paris Parley Nearing Close

PARIS — (AP) — The four-power council of foreign ministers met for 90 minutes today in a secret session. Their Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinskiy left the conference room, apparently to permit his Western colleagues to chew over what he had told them.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Thomas F. Murphy, the prosecutor, asked Davis "under cross-examination: Price to 1948 you hadn't heard which Hiss formerly served as president?"

"No," Davis said.

Then Murphy asked Davis "whether it was true he told an FBI agent in an interview that he had not heard of Hiss before 1948."

Parley returned to the conference room in about an hour. In the interim the Western ministers had their own private talks, apparently for consultation with their respective delegations. The council then resumed its deliberations in secret.

Officials said that even if the ministers had not met in session until late tonight, they would have been together in the minutes after the joint conference.

The ministers agreed determined to salvage from the month-long parley broad agreements on the future of Berlin and Austria.

Settlement of the Berlin dispute would make it easier for the two sides to live together in a physical and economic — if not political — sense. The question of an Austrian peace treaty has been the subject of bickering for the past two years.

STRAIGHT POOP ON WINNING THE WAR

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Responding to other questions, Mr. Truman said J. Edgar Hoover is a Communist spy ring counter. He said Hoover reports to him from time to time and the President replied in Washington through Attorney General Clark.

"Does Mr. Hoover have your confidence?" a reporter asked.

The President replied that Hoover has done a good job.

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The Stories Get Bigger And Bigger

30th Division Re-Lives Old Days

By TOM FESPERRAN

Charlotte News Staff Writer

World Wars I and II were on again today in the lobby of Hotel Marlborough. The 30th Division was in training.

Major battles broke out near the deep-stand, just outside the main entrance, and in front of the elevators as old Division O's showed each other how the fighting went.

Several stray sergeants who were members of the 30th took cover behind the lobby shrubbery before trying to break through to the room on the deck.

"There'll be more war stories retold here today than you've ever heard," said John F. Carlin of Jersey City, N. J.

A former major and now secretary-treasurer of the Division Association, Mr. Carlin keeps up with the ex-O's better than any other "Old Hickory" man.

"I knew 'em," he said. "Those who shot 40 Germans in their sleep, and they stood by patiently as their husbands re-found themselves through France, Belgium and the Netherlands."

Mr. Tommy J. Coogie, for instance, is quite up-to-date on the Western Front's work horse" division.

Mr. Coogie was married a year ago. Her husband, now a farmer near Oglethorpe, Ga., was in the 30th's Military Police outfit during the war.

HONEYMOON EACH YEAR

As soon as they got married, the Coogies hit the road for a honeymoon in New York because the 30th was holding its 1948 reunion there. They came to Charlotte today for a second honeymoon, and next year their third honeymoon will be with the 1950 Division reunion site hasn't been selected yet.

John Craig of Charlotte, president of the Division Association and wartime Provost Marshal of the 30th, said:

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Judith Coplon's Appearance On Stand Delayed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Detailed questioning of one of Judith Coplon's prosecutors indicated today that her appearance on the witness stand to deny she engaged in espionage may be delayed until tomorrow.

Mrs. Coplon will take the stand as her own star witness as soon as the court has heard the testimony of the other witnesses.

During a brief morning recess in the trial, Palmer told reporters that he might keep Whitney on the witness stand all day. Yesterday he had indicated the defendant would be called this afternoon.

Palmer called the prosecutor an "important" figure witness. He said he had decided in favor of the FBI report covering the espionage which led to Miss Coplon's arrest.

Non-Communist Oath Put Into Truman Labor Bill

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate today wrote another Taft-Hartley law feature into the Truman labor bill — a requirement for non-Communist oaths.

It was approved by a voice vote.

Three other amendments which have a Taft-Hartley look about them were added to the Administration measure by the Senate in the first voting of its long labor law debate.

The changes all approve by voice votes with no audible opposition, would (1) require unions, as well as management, to have no Communists in their ranks; (2) guarantee freedom of speech in labor relations; and (3) require both unions and employers to file annual financial reports.

Those provisions are not in every case identical to sections of the

T-H law, but the differences generally are slight. The amendments would have all the basic Taft-Hartley provisions, including the ban on Communist membership in labor unions.

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Ailing Couple To Send 7 Kids To Orphanages

WINTON — (AP) — III and faced with a heavy burden of debt, a Hertford County couple is planning to place their seven children in orphanages.

Paul Albert Britt and his wife said they had planned at first to place the seven children for adoption, but had decided in favor of orphanages "because we want them to get a better education."

Mr. Britt is 23 and his wife 29. They were married in 1928 and their six girls and one boy range in ages from two to eleven years.

Both parents have been in the hospital periodically and Britt

said his health continues poor.

"The best bit of straining would make me fall out," he said.

Now, he said, "I don't think I can make it any more credit. The folks I sell to had no money none coming in."

Mr. L. M. Cox, acting County Welfare Superintendent, said that two orphanages had indicated a willingness to take the children. The Department has been assisting the family, she said.

Affidavits would not have to be filed, however, if the union or the company already was affording a barring subordinate persons from their ranks.

Under the Taft-Hartley Law, only union officers are required to swear they are not Communists. The GOP-authored substitute for the law is a series of proposals to require both union officers and employees to file affidavits.

The substitute would come up after action on the non-Communist amendment is taken by a series of proposals for dealing with national emergency strikes, or a new amendment offered yesterday by Senator Holaday (D-Tx).

Post-War Conditions Are Blamed

History Cited By President

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BULLETIN

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Once Over Lightly



The most husband and the least wife seem to be married each other. . . I often wonder who or what is the Ladies Aid (D-Tx).