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House Republicans Railroad Two Bills

KERNON SAYS LAW CHANGE PENDING

Explains Resignation Of Commission Members No Influence

Representative Robert M. Kernon said last night that the resignation of four members of the rail service commission would not effect proposed changes in the present law which are under consideration.

He explained that as yet he had received no information concerning the reported compromise being made by the rail and police representatives and the governing body of the city relative to the proposed changes. Until the bill containing the new amendments is presented to him, he said, no action would be taken toward introducing the measure in the legislature.

"We have ample time to offer the new bill when it is agreed upon and an effort will be made to introduce any legislation relative to the matter until full consideration has been given to all concerned," he asserted.

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Nathan S. Haskett, representative of the board, said that the board would be organized after the resignations become effective.

McClendon, along with Dr. David Murchinson, the Rev. H. J. Wilson and Norwood S. Westbrook, asked to be relieved of membership on the commission Monday night due to what was termed "present conditions" facing the board.

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OPA Death Sentence, Cut In Treasury Funds Pass By 387 - 0

WASHINGTON, March 11.—(AP)—Two big appropriation bills—one killing off OPA next June 30 and the other making a controversial \$800,000,000 cut in Treasury funds—were rammed through the House and sent to the Senate today after Democrats made futile attempts to change them.

The bill containing the OPA death sentence is a \$179,645,668 deficiency bill, supplying funds for various agencies.

The other provides \$12,388,029,971 for the Treasury and Post Office departments.

Roundly defeated in attempts at the amendments, the Democrats gave up and voted with solid Republican ranks for the Treasury-Post Office bill. The final tally was 387 to 0.

In the fight over this bill, Rep. Gore (D-Tenn.) spearheaded a Democratic move to retain a standard indefinite sum for the payment of tax refunds.

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The vote on the \$179,645,668 deficiency bill, a compromise between two different bills previously passed by Senate and House, was 341 to 49.

In addition it cancels \$2,000,000 of current OPA appropriations and provides \$7,051,752 in new funds for the payment of terminal leave to released employees while OPA closes up shop.

THREAT SEEN TO RADIO AIR LANE

Navy Bombing Range Cited As Drawback To Coastal VHF Range

WASHINGTON, March 11.—A radio air lane intended to link Norfolk, Va., and Charleston, S. C. via Wilmington, New Bern and Elizabeth City, N. C., and Myrtle Beach, S. C., may have to be moved inland nearly fifty miles, cutting the area off authorized airways, unless some way be found to remove its interference with the Navy's bombing range in Albemarle sound, a delegation from the coastal region was advised today.

Civil Aeronautics administration officials told the delegation that the very high frequency radio range equipment installed at the four air ports between Norfolk and Charleston had been delayed in operation because of the conflict with the Navy's training ground—now primarily because of reduction in CAA funds, as had been previously reported.

An air coordinating committee consisting of assistant secretaries of war, navy, and commerce is studying the problem and is expected to make a decision within about ten days. It can ask the Navy to move the training range down the sound about five miles, or it can order the beam re-routed in which case it would by-pass the four cities leaving them with only "shuttle service" instead of main-line air transport.

National Airlines plane already flying the coastal route are "detouring," via Edenton to skirt the Navy's range now. Also close to the radio beam are the Marine installations at Cherry Point and New River and the Navy's new guided missiles testing ground at Camp Davis, but the chief point of conflict appears to be in the Albemarle sound, not far from Elizabeth City.

Members of congress from both the Carolinas and leaders in the communities threatened with the loss of the air lane are expected to make strong appeals to the air coordinating committee, urging consideration of civilian aviation needs in the coastal area.

Attending the conference were John H. Farrell, and Hamilton Hicks of Wilmington; T. W. Fryer of New Bern; J. E. Blades, Elizabeth City, and D. S. Crouse, Myrtle Beach, S. C.

The delegation explained that the stations, at New Bern, Wilmington, Rocky Mount, and Elizabeth City, and at Myrtle Beach, S. C., were built by the government at a cost of approximately \$25,000,000.

The Engineers' hopper dredge "Hoffman," which has been engaged in that portion of the Cape Fear river project, is expected to be put to work on the Morehead City

30-foot project early next week, officials said.

The controlling depth of the Beaufort Inlet channel at present is 26 feet, and it is expected that the Hoffman will be put to work restoring the project depth of 30 feet. The operations on the Beaufort channel and the outer portion of the 30 foot channel leading to the Marina terminal at Morehead City, will take approximately 60 days, engineers said.

McKoy Leads Wildcats To State Title



Johnny McKoy (25) is shown recovering the ball from the Greensboro backboard in the third period of the state championship game at New Hanover High school gymnasium last night. Larry Dempsey (15), Earl Keister (19) and Don Lanford (4), Greensboro players try to stop the relay to Billy Mason. New Hanover won the game 42 to 38. (Photo by Hugh Morton).

NHHS Captures State Title With 42 To 38 Victory Here

Senate Committee Okays Anti-Closed Shop Bill

The Weather

FORECAST: South and North Carolina - Increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer Wednesday. Thursday, occasional rain, beginning in West portion Wednesday night. Not much change in temperature. (Eastern Standard Time)

PRECIPITATION Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

RALEIGH, March 11.—(AP)—Efforts of unionized labor to keep an anti-closed shop bill off the Senate floor were thwarted today when the Senate committee on Manufacture, Labor and commerce voted 12 to six to give the measure a favorable report.

A 100-percent attendance was present for the executive session. Reporters were admitted, but were instructed to record only final action of the committee.

A bloc of six Senators persistently offered amendments to soften what they termed "a blow at labor that deserves no chastisement."

The opposition rallied forces to pass one amendment which would permit maintenance of membership whereby employees who join a union and do not withdraw within a 15-day withdrawal period are required to remain members until a contract expires.

Vote was 10 to nine in its favor, but following the offering of a second amendment permitting the check-off system, one voter changed his stand on the first measure. Action was rescinded, and the maintenance of membership amendment was defeated.

The only amendment adopted would permit voluntary check-off of union dues whereby employers, upon receipt of authorization from employee, can withhold union dues from wages.

DEATH WINS RACE WITH SHIP ENROUTE TO CHARLESTON, S. C.

CHARLESTON, March 11.—(AP)—Death today won a race with the steamship M. E. Comerford as it headed for Charleston in an attempt to save the life of an unidentified seaman reported to have been stricken with meningitis.

U. S. Public Health officers said the seaman died at 9:30 a. m. while the ship was making its best speed, between 10 and 11 knots, for this port on medical assistance.

Cause of the man's death had not been definitely determined, public health officials said. A North Carolina Coast Guard plane was reported to have dropped medical supplies to the ship off the coast last night.

ALONG THE CAPE FEAR

CENTURY AGO — What sight greeted the visitor to the Queen City of the Cape Fear region a hundred years ago? Well for the best answer to that we'll turn to the reminiscences of one, who came to the Port City not as a transient but who remained here for many years a resident.

He's Dr. Walter Gilman Curtis who for more than 30 years was state quarantine surgeon for the Port of Wilmington.

Johnson Warns Greek Aid May Bring Soviet Invasion; Marshall Wins First Test

WESTERN NATIONS 'BLOCK' MOLOTOV

United States, Britain, France Vote Solid Against Proposal

MOSCOW, March 11.—(AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall won his first diplomatic triumph in the Foreign Ministers council tonight when the United States, Britain and France put up a solid front and blocked a Russian proposal to place the complex China question on the agenda.

A conference official said the three Western representatives, opposing a suggestion by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, insisted that China must be present if Chinese affairs were discussed in the council, and Molotov finally withdrew his proposal.

The Four Foreign ministers then split wide open when they tackled the first and least controversial problem of Germany, the question of demilitarization, informants disclosed.

Molotov hurled a broadside of accusations that the Western nations had failed to demilitarize their occupation zones, and were keeping German troops in military formations, contrary to the Potsdam agreement.

Repeating many accusations which have appeared in the Russian press during the last few months, Molotov asserted that "except in obvious cases the elimination of the war potential in the West has hardly started."

Ernest Bevin, British foreign secretary, answered Molotov bluntly that the charges were "unjustified," and said they reminded him of "an old lady watching a parade in which one man was out of step and then observed they are all out of step except Johnnie."

Bevin then let loose a diplomatic bombshell of his own, saying that while the ministers were on the subject of demilitarization "it might be useful" to know the number of prisoners of war held outside Germany," the informant said.

"Then we will be able to see the situation as a whole, inside and outside of Germany," Bevin was quoted as adding.

Russia never has revealed how many prisoners of war she is holding in her homeland. All previous questions on this subject have been refused.

HOPE OF SAVING FOUR MEN FADES

Cincinnati Water Works Employees Buried Under Debris Of Building

CINCINNATI, March 11.—(AP)—Hopes of saving four men still trapped under the twisted rubble of a collapsed five-story building dimmed late today as firemen burrowed deeper under the wreckage of crumbled bricks and timbers, piled more than 30 feet high.

Fire Chief Barney J. Houston said no sound had been heard from the men after firemen carried Sam Ostrov, owner of the building, and Roy Bell, a workman, from the wreckage.

Houston expressed doubt the trapped men, buried since 9 a. m., could be reached in time to save their lives.

The building gave way this morning, injuring seven persons in addition to those caught in the high-flying, heavy wreckage.

Bell told firemen one of the four men was about 10 feet from him under the wreckage.

"I heard two others shouting and calling for help for about an hour," he said, "but they stopped a while ago and I didn't hear any more."

The men still missing are: Walter Teshin, storekeeper for the firm; Al Rudd, 43, Covington, Ky.; his son, Delmar Rudd, same address; and Fred Elsaesser, 56, a janitor.

Escaping gas and electric wire, sheared in the collapse, also endangered rescue crews.

Several of those injured were city water department employees who were working in the building and nearby repairing a water main break, which had occurred several hours before the collapse.

Chief Houston said the basement of the wrecked building, occupied by the Western Fixture and Bar Supply Co., was flooded and the foundation "apparently was weakened."

CURIOSITY TOSSES FORMER SS LEADER IN NOOSE SHADOW

NUERNBERG, Germany, March 11.—(AP)—Curiosity got the best of Wilhelm Burgher.

So today he is a defendant in jeopardy of the hangman's noose instead of peddling insurance in Nuernberg.

Burgher, a leader in the concentration camp business administration, had been a free man living under an alias until yesterday.

He read in the Nuernberger Nachrichten that his old pal Oswald Pohl, Himmler's hatchet man, and 17 others were to be arraigned before a U. S. court for crimes against humanity.

Burgher wangled a pass to the courtroom. And there he sat among the spectators while the SS prison camp organization was excoriated.

Two of the defendants gazing over the courtroom recognized Burgher. They told lawyers they would not speak while he was there free.

Burgher scurried from the court but was traced through his pass and arrested.

NAVIGATOR DIES IN WIERD MISHAP

TWA Employee Sucked From Plane When Astro-dome Breaks Over Sea

NEW YORK, March 11.—(AP)—Trans-Atlantic Airlines using Constellation planes moved swiftly today to prevent possible recurrence of the tragedy which took the life of a Trans-Wo Airline navigator in a four-mile plunge into icy North Atlantic waters.

TWA announced a three-point program aimed at preventing similar occurrences, and American Overseas Airline and the British Overseas Airways corporation told of measures they were adopting.

George Hart, of Sag Harbor, N. Y., the navigator victim of one of the strangest accidents in aviation history, was thrown from the plane last night apparently by combined suction of the outside air and pressure from inside the plane after the Astro-dome broke and tore loose from the ship.

The Coast Guard sent a message to all ships near the scene of the accident, 500 miles east of Newfoundland, to be on the lookout for Hart, but virtually no hope was held that he could have survived the fall.

The navigator was sighting the stars in the Astro-dome, a plastic bubble atop the Constellation, when the weird accident occurred. The Astro-dome is approximately 18 inches high and about 3 feet in diameter.

The plane was flying at 19,000 feet when Hart plummeted out. O. P. "Buddy" Hamilton, of Richmond, Va., the pilot, immediately took the plane down to 10,000 feet and returned to Gander, Newfoundland.

The 21 passengers were unhurt. Miss Marjorie Page of Washington, D. C., the hostess, suffered a slight face injury.

KICKS, PUNCHES LIVEN ASSEMBLY

French Delegates Swap Blows During Heated Discussion

PARIS, March 11.—(AP)—Kicks and punches flew between Rightist and Communist members of the French National assembly today at a stormy session devoted to the discussion of the Viet-Namese rebellion against French rule in Indo-China.

The ill feeling started when Pierre Andre, a Rightist, accused Communist leader Maurice Thorez from the floor of tacitly supporting the Viet-Nam revolt and, in 1933, of advocating German unity.

Following a recess, Andre arose again and complained to the Assembly that a Communist deputy named Garcia assaulted him in a chamber lobby "by blows and kicks." The Communists received the complaints by whistling and banging the tops of their desks.

Then, after presiding officer Edouard Herriot dismissed the chamber for the day, opposing deputies carried their quarrel into the cloak-rooms and lobbies where several small fights broke out.

ATTACK LAUNCHED ON TRUMAN PLANS

President Slated To Present Proposals On Middle East Help Today

WASHINGTON, March 11.—(AP)—On the eve of President Truman's plea to Congress for American arms and money to bulwark the Near East against Communism, Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D. Cal., warned today that U. S. political intervention might be followed by a Russian military invasion of Greece.

Johnson fired his blast at the President's plan and was expected to keynote the opposition in the debate that will get under way after Mr. Truman lays his cards on the table in address to both houses of Congress and the nation at 1 p. m. EST., tomorrow.

To Fight Plan Johnson denounced the President's plan as an attempt to "extend the Monroe Doctrine to the Mediterranean" and he said that he would fight it every inch of the way.

Johnson said he favored sending American food to Greece with American officials on hand to supervise its distribution. But, he said, "Such relief should be entirely free from political considerations; otherwise, the moment we move into Greece, Russia would be justified to do so also."

He said he believed any intervention along the lines reportedly favored by Mr. Truman—as a direct move to keep Communism out of Greece and Turkey—would be an invitation for Russia to start her troops moving.

ODUS MULL BEATS TOUGH GAG RULE

Puts Over Amendment To Revenue Bill Banning Sale Of Wine

RALEIGH, March 11.—(AP)—The House revenue bill, containing amendments to the state's continuing revenue act, was passed on second reading by the House today, but not until Rep. Odus Mull of Cleveland had attached to it an amendment to dry up sale of wine and beer in Cleveland county.

The revenue act is designed to produce an estimated \$184,000,000 in general fund revenues during the coming biennium.

In sending forward his amendment to provide that no licenses to sell wine shall be issued in Cleveland after July 1, and authorizing the Cleveland commissioners to prohibit the sale of beer after July 1, Mull succeeded in bringing to the floor the issue of local prohibitions against the sale of wine and beer, circumventing the House's so-called "gag rule."

Long Wait Mull told the House that he had introduced a bill 63 days ago to call a referendum in Cleveland on the wine and beer issue, but that his bill, along with more than a score of others to prohibit or regulate the sale of wine and beer in various counties and cities, had been held tenaciously by the House Finance committee.

"It has never been my habit to crawl on my belly and beg, but I'm forced to do it today," Mull said in pleading for adoption of his amendment.

WEATHERMAN SAYS CITY WILL ENJOY MORE FAIR SKIES

The mercury is continuing its upward climb of the past few days as the local weather bureau predicts a high of 64 degrees for today, slightly warmer than yesterday. No rain is in the forecast for today, but the weatherman says he can't keep on promising fair skies.

The rains of last week caused the river stage at Fayetteville to rise high above the normal 12 foot stage, but the water did not rise to a dangerous level.

The river reached a peak of 23.5 feet on Monday, but was down to 20.5 yesterday.

And So To Bed

It isn't spring yet, according to our Gregorian calendar, but that is no deterrent to young love.

This fact was evident last night to two men who were waiting for a bus in front of the Nicholson building.

"Look," said one, indicating a space on the building front near where they were standing.

"According to this, somebody's in love." Written there in bold red crayon was this succinct statement for all the world to see: "I love John Margaret."

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

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