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Bradley Says He Wants Out As VA Leader

Administrator Says Job Is
Thankless One No Matter
How Well Handled

FUND SLASHED

House Appropriations
Committee Lops 608
Millions From List

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(U.P.)—The economy-hungry House Appropriations committee today took \$608,139,491 bite out of emergency funds for the Veterans Administration and assorted other federal agencies, and made public a report showing that Veterans Chief Omar N. Bradley wants to quit "as soon as possible."

The committee sent to the House a bill containing \$2,471,498,548 to permit a score of agencies, including the VA, to operate until the end of this fiscal year June 30. The various departments had requested \$3,079,638,939. (b).

Hardest hit is the National Labor Relations board. It asked for \$695,700. The committee decided it could get along on what it has, and refused to grant new funds. Previously, the House agreed to give NLRB only half the appropriation it requested for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1.

Next to NLRB, the vast Veterans Agency took the steepest blow. The committee slashed its deficiency requests by \$531,020,000, including \$300,000,000 for reassignment benefits and \$230,000,000 for pensions. The committee said VA's pension figures were "over-estimated."

Crop Insurance
But the committee added \$20,000,000 to the bill to pay cotton crop insurance claims, which have been so heavy that the Agriculture department was forced to suspend payments until more money was provided.

During its study of VA requests, the committee learned what Bradley, famed wartime commander of the 12th Army group, thought about his job. He made his statement after Chairman John Taber, R., N. Y., commented that VA apparently resented having to answer questions about its spending program.

DAIRYMEN FACING KIDNAP CHARGES

District Attorney Files
Four John Doe Counts
As Strike Continue

NEW ORLEANS, March 28.—(U.P.)—Charges of kidnaping were filed today against striking dairymen who allegedly detained a truck driver while they dumped his milk cargo and other strikers

detained another New Orleans truckman as the Louisiana milk war went through its fourth day. Isaac Townsend, a Zachary, La., non-striking dairyman, filed kidnap charges at Baton Rouge on behalf of his driver, Joe Portel. Portel said that four unidentified strikers stopped his truck, dumped 600 gallons of milk and forced him to ride in an automobile to Amite, storm-center of the conflict, while his truck was impounded.

Dist. Atty. Dewey Sanchez at Baton Rouge filed four John Doe warrants for simple kidnaping, theft and unauthorized use of movable property against Portel's alleged abductors.

A crowd of 50 other strikers meanwhile challenged a Gulf, Mobile and Ohio train at Bogalusa, La., but when trainmen assured them no milk was aboard they went peacefully. It was the fourth case of a train being investigated by the strikers since they revolted against a 50 cents per hundredweight price reduction decreed by New Orleans dairies.

It was understood that FBI men had gone to Amite to investigate the stopping of three Illinois Central trains in that area.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

EV'Y TIME I GOES
SOMEWHAR, I HATTER
CHOOSE TWIX A
BALKY CYAR DAT
CAIN' HE'P IT EN A
BALKY MULE DAT DOES
IT A-PURPOSE!



U.S. Atomic Commission At Work



Although still unconfirmed by the U. S. Senate, the Atomic Energy Commission is now functioning in its new home, the former U. S. Public Health Building in Washington. Members of the Commission are (seated, l. to r.): David E. Lilienthal, chairman, and Dr. R. F. Bacher. Standing are W. W. Waymack, Sumner T. Pike, and L. S. Strauss. (International).

Lilienthal Probe By FBI Demanded

LEADERS OF UAW
LINKED TO REDS

Michigan Governor Says
Thomas, Addes, Leonard
Captives Of Party

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(U.P.)—Governor Kim Sigler of Michigan testified today that Communists have gained "absolute control of certain unions" in his state and that three officials of the big auto workers union are "captives of the Communist party."

He named the three, in testimony before the House committee on un-American activities as Vice President R. J. Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer George Addes and Richard T. Leonard, national director of the union's Ford department.

Sigler said Thomas, Addes and Leonard follow "party lines in union activities."

Spokesmen for the three said there would be no comment until further study can be given the governor's testimony.

Sigler testified that the Communist party should be outlawed. Former Governor George H. Earle of Pennsylvania took the view that exposure of Communist party activities would be the wiser course.

Terrible Manace
Earle also termed Soviet Russia the "terrible manace" of this atomic age, and said: "I don't believe there is better than an even chance that 10 per cent of us Americans will be alive five years from now."

Sigler, in backing proposed bills to outlaw the Communist party, said that it strives for "revolution," that it is "underground anyway," and that it is moving into homes, schools, churches and government.

He referred to Michigan State Senator Stanley Novak as a man who has been "a Communist worker and sympathizer for a considerable period of time."

Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ), advised Sigler that the committee has "quite a file" on Novak.

Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.), asked whether Sigler thinks Communists will "win the current fight in Michigan" to gain control of certain unions.

"I don't believe they will," Sigler said.

Labor leaders combatting Communism in their unions need help, he said, "and I, as governor of the state propose to give it to them."

SOUTH PIEDMONT LEADER WINS OFFICE

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 28.—(U.P.)—R. L. Fritz of Hudson, leading advocate of the so-called South Piedmont plan calling for teacher pay increases up to 68 per cent, defeated Claude Grigg of Albemarle, incumbent vice-president, for the presidency of the North Carolina education association by approximately 1,000 votes, according to unofficial returns disclosed tonight.

Citizens May Get Three Pounds Sugar Per Month

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(U.P.)—Prospects now are that each person in the country will be allotted sugar at the rate of three pounds a month until rationing ends October 31.

This amount, which is roughly 50 percent more than the ration in 1946, was agreed on today by a Senate-House committee adjusting Senate and House versions of sugar legislation.

The three-pounds-per month figure is on the basis of 35 pounds for a full year. Provision is made for an increase up to a rate of 50 pounds a year or slightly more than four pounds a month, should supplies permit it.

Senator Bricker Of Ohio
Moves Delay In Okay
Of Chairman

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(U.P.)—Senator Bricker (R-Ohio) today demanded a special FBI investigation of David E. Lilienthal and the other five nominees for the atomic energy commission and moved that the Senate delay confirmation until it is made.

His motion then became the pending business before the Senate. The vote on the expected next week, probably will furnish a test for the final showdown. Bricker, who voted against Lilienthal in committee, said President Truman declined to order an FBI investigation when the Senate Atomic Energy Commission requested it last session.

The Senate read a letter from Mr. Truman to the committee saying that records of the FBI and other government investigating agencies were checked at the time of the appointments and "no derogatory information was contained in any report" that might already have been made.

Bricker commented that of course the President felt there was nothing derogatory in the records of the six "otherwise it would have been a crime to appoint them."

"But in this important responsibility, the Senate should not be required to rely upon the judgment of the President," he declared.

"Before we vote, we should have available to us these records in order that we can decide for ourselves if they contain any derogatory information."

NEGRO ARRESTED IN DEATH PROBE

H. B. Williams Held By
Police Investigating The
Burning Of Bob Martin

Local police last night announced the arrest of H. B. Williams, Negro of 710 Green street, for possible connection with the death of Bob Martin, Negro, who was burned to death Wednesday night when a house at 706 Green street caught fire.

Lt. Hubert Hayes arrested the Negro after he was found to have in his possession a gun reportedly belonging to Martin.

Hayes explained that he did not know if the gun which Williams had when arrested was stolen from the house before or after the fire. Fire and police department authorities warned neighbors of Martin to stay away from the house until after the investigation of Martin's death had been completed.

Still missing, Hayes said, is a trunk reported to have contained several hundred dollars, but he expressed doubt that the money would be found in the trunk even if the latter was discovered.

Williams is being held under \$500 bond on a technical charge of vagrancy pending investigation, Hayes said.

An inquest into Martin's death has been set for Monday night by Coroner Gordon Doran.

Both House and Senate must approve the bill in its adjusted form. Then it will go to President Truman who is expected to sign it Monday. Otherwise sugar controls would die on that day. With his signature, handling of sugar will pass from the OPA to the Agriculture department.

Senator Tobey (R-N.H.) told reporters that the department will pass on to the Housewife all sugar available in the following ways:

1. By increasing the sugar value of outstanding ration stamps.
2. By future stamps or by declaring an individual stamp due earlier than scheduled.

Lewis Blames Krug For Big Mining Blast

Under Says Centralia
Victims Died Through
Criminal Negligence

SAFETY DISREGARDED
Three-Man Group Named
To Investigate Disaster
Circumstances

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(U.P.)—President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers (AFL), told a Senate committee today that the Centralia, Ill., mine explosion victims had been "ordered by the criminal negligence" of Secretary of the Interior Julius A. Krug.

Krug had no immediate comment. Meantime, Sen. Guy Cordon, R., Ore., was named to head a three-member Senate group to investigate the disaster and report as quickly as possible. The others are Sens. Henry C. Dworshak, R., Ida., and Joseph C. O'Mahoney, D., Wyo.

Cordon said the committee would go to Centralia about the middle of next week and hold public hearings. He said that Frank Sever, Portland, Ore., attorney, was gathering information here for the committee and would leave for Centralia tonight to finish the job.

Lewis, who told a Public Lands subcommittee last week that his miners were not receiving adequate protection under existing national safety regulations, said that since that time "111 mine workers—more or less—have been murdered by the criminal negligence of J. A. Krug."

RESCUE SQUADS REFUSE TO CONTINUE SEARCH

CENTRALIA, Ill., March 28.—(U.P.)—A 40-man rescue team balked today and for three hours refused to enter the Centralia Coal company mine to complete a search for 32 men still entombed in the underground corridors after an explosion three days ago.

The refusal resulted from differences with State Mine department officials who have been directing rescue operations. The crew members said they would not continue with their work unless they were convinced they would take every precaution for their safety.

LOVE FOR FATHER TOLD BY ACCUSED

Fourteen-Year-Old Girl
Describes Fatal Shooting
Of Parent

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—(U.P.)—Fourteen-year-old Mary Catherine Reardon testified in juvenile court today that her "deep love" for her father led to her own injury in a futile attempt to save him from shots fired by her 13-year-old boyfriend.

Accused of murdering her father, J. Vincent Reardon, Mary Catherine said Michael D'Arcy, her companion in a tourist camp escapade, wounded her and then shot Reardon as he drove them homeward in his car. Reardon and D'Arcy were killed in the resulting wreck.

A packed courtroom listened intently as Mary, her initial nervousness quickly wearing off, described how her father was shot as they neared the Reardon home in suburban Ladue village. The girl, on trial for "delinquency by reason of murder," reenacted the scene with her attorneys seated in chairs approximating the positions of the trio in the car.

"I was looking ahead when I glanced to the side and saw Michael pointing the pistol," she said. "It seemed to be pointing at my father's head."

"I grabbed his hand with my left arm. I pulled his hand in, then I heard a shot fired. As he pulled away another shot was fired. Michael lurched forward and seemed to be trying to grab the steering wheel. Then he came back on the seat."

The Board of Aldermen of Carolina Beach recently went on record in opposition to the consolidation proposal.

Along The Cape Fear

FORT FISHER.—At a time when the Atlantic Ocean threatens to destroy the site of historic Fort Fisher, twice assaulted by the heaviest bombardments in the history of modern warfare until World War II—and the high seas also threatens the monument commemorating the gallant defense of the Confederacy's Fort Fisher, a poem recited at the dedications of the first marker is especially appropriate now, Mrs. E. L. Robbins, recording secretary, Cape Fear Chapter, No. 3, U. D. C., tells us.

The poem in question was recited at the dedication of the first marker to be erected on Battle Acre, about 1928, by Mrs. Margaret Davis Bragg, who was then Mrs. Fillyaw.

DEDICATION EXERCISES.—Mrs. Bragg recalls that Capt. Edgar D. Williams placed a marker at the foot of the Mound. The Southern Cross marker was placed by the Rev. Andrew J. Howell, who arranged a dedication program.

Following the invocation by Mr. Howell, Dr. A. M. Baldwin, Brigadier-General of United Confederate Veterans, third brigade, North Carolina division, introduced the speaker, Mr. Henry McQueen, who addressed the assembly.

Representing the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. Bragg placed at the foot of the marker a large laurel wreath, tied with wide satin ribbon in the Confederate colors, red and white, and recited the stirring lines from her pen.

MOLOTOV LAUNCHES BITTER ATTACK ON TURKISH REGIME; BALANCED BUDGET FORESEEN

41 Billions Now Expected In Revenues

Fiscal Analysts Believe A
Large Amount Payment
Now Possible

MARTIN JUBILANT

Speaker Says Figures Justify
GOP Bill Slashing
Income Taxes

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(U.P.)—Administration fiscal analysts forecast today, not only a balanced federal budget this year, but the possibility of a billion dollar payment on the nation's \$260,000,000 debt. Federal revenues, they said, may top \$41,000,000,000—almost \$10,000,000,000 more than expected.

House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) immediately said the figures justify the Republican-backed bill, passed by the House yesterday and now pending in the Senate, to slash taxes by \$3,840,000,000 this year.

"The figures show definitely," Martin told reporters, "that we can balance the budget, pay on the debt and cut taxes."

Treasury records disclosed today that the government's current budget surplus for the current fiscal year, which ended June 30, has gone above the \$3,000,000,000 mark, highest point in the nation's history. Two reasons were assigned:

1. The government, in less than nine months, has taken in more money than President Truman estimated originally. 15 months ago, it would get for the full 12 months period.

2. Government spending has been running below budget estimates. The Treasury has collected from taxes, duties and surplus property sales \$3,037,264,056 more than it has spent since last July 1, the beginning of the fiscal period.

PAY ADJUSTMENT LAW DATE FIXED

Joint Appropriation Com-
mittee Studies Aid To
Ports Authority

The bill fixing a salary scale for New Hanover county officials is slated to go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year and will not affect the present county budget, Senator Alton A. Lennon said last night.

The measure was passed by both houses of the legislature early this week and is slated to become law as soon as the speaker of the house affixes his signature.

Meanwhile, Representative Robert M. Kermion said that the State Ports authority bill calling for the expenditure of \$50,000 a year for administration of the organization is up for discussion by the joint appropriation committee.

A second bill affecting the SPA in that it calls for a \$1,000,000 appropriation for Tar Heel ports is now under consideration by the committee.

Kermion reported yesterday that he has received numerous letters and telephone calls containing misdeeds of reaction concerning his measure authorizing the appointment of a commission to study the possible consolidation of the governmental functions of New Hanover county, Wilmington, Carolina Beach, and Wrightsville Beach.

The Board of Aldermen of Carolina Beach recently went on record in opposition to the consolidation proposal.

The date of the primary has been set at April 21 with the election due to be held May 6.

for some nails in exchange for the \$4.

Abraham was a trustful soul. Ollie failed to show up with the sugar, so Abraham turned to the police.

Ollie laid the whole mess to some "Jap liquor" he had been drinking. And he told the court wheels whirled and buzzed in his head. He declared he was sorry that it had happened. He told Judge Winfield Smith that it wouldn't happen again.

Judge Smith assured Ollie it wouldn't for the next four months while he was growing things and stuff on the county farm.

But Abraham, unlike his patriarch namesake, now has lost his trustful confidence. He is sure he will never get the sugar nor his \$4.

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City Manager Lauds SENCBA



City Manager J. R. Benson is seen signing a city permit for the Southeastern North Carolina Beach association to carry on a drive to solicit 2,000 members into the organization for Louis B. Orrell, SENCBA president. After issuing the permit, Benson said that "The program is very worthwhile and merits the support of all citizens. The SENCBA program has been unusually good and should be even more successful this year." The campaign to solicit members begins Monday morning with a goal of \$32,000, and an ultimate objective of sponsoring year-round tourist and recreational activities in the area. (PHOTO BY HUGH MORTON).

League Speaker Asks For More Speed Here

The Weather Professor Coates Or Kyser
Suggested As Remedy
For Lethargy

A Progressive Citizens League audience, described by one of its members as "just a handful," heard a ringing plea from W. K. Rhodes, Jr., last night to "let's get this thing in high gear."

"The meeting, the fourth in as many weeks, was held in the courtroom of the county court house. 'I'm telling you what the Lord loves,' he declared. 'We've got to get in high gear.'"

And to put the League in high gear, Col. John Bright Hill suggested that Prof. Albert Coates, of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, be invited to speak at "some future meeting night."

His motion was amended by Aubrey (Tommy) Thompson to invite Kay Kyser, also.

Rhodes was disturbed that the veterans and public in general seemed to have little interest in the organization. And he said so out right so that every one could hear him.

Chairman John Myers said that it was hoped to have a slate of candidates to offer members of the organization at the next meeting night.

But Rhodes said that was going to take time because he wouldn't agree on anyone until every veteran had been eliminated as a possible candidate.

Be that as it may, he said, "I'm telling you that we have got to do something and do it now. I think the folks are expecting some fireworks. I think we should give it to them."

He said he didn't think much of this wishy-washy, mealy-mouth attitude because "It's not getting us any place." He declared that the "other folks are doing something," and now "it is the time for us to do something and do it now."

Rhodes warned that "after the election it will be too late." And he added that April 10 is the last day to file.

However, a member of the audience said that he believed that if the League didn't get the candidates' names on the regular ballots "we can muster enough strength before election time to have our candidates name written in on the ballots."

Myers said that the executive committee met Thursday night to hear nominations or selections of candidates. But he said none were put forward—that is none that could be publicly announced. But he assured the 40 or 50 persons present that "we hope to have a slate of candidates" by next meeting night.

He said that he believed if "we (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

Abraham Trusted Fully But Unwisely; Now Out \$4

Abraham Smith was no different from his name sake, at least in one respect.

Abraham was a trustful soul, just like the Biblical Patriarch. And just like Abraham of old, this Abraham of 1947 was perplexed and dogged by hard luck when he appeared in recorder's court yesterday as a prosecuting witness against Ollie Smith.

It developed that the two Negroes were unrelated.

While present-day Abraham was not troubled by famine and dissension among his followers, he told the court that he was troubled because he had been flim-flammed of \$4.

Russian Says Turks Aided Nazi Machine

Soviet "No" Man Tosses
Monkey Wrenches In Big
Four Meeting

PROGRESS BLOCKED

Hopes For Austrian Peace
Treaty Now Dim, In-
siders Believe

MOSCOW, March 27.—(U.P.)—V. M. Molotov, Russia's "no" man, tonight threw a handful of monkey wrenches into the machinery of the Foreign Ministers' council, blocking all agreements, and even out of his way to deliver severe attack on Turkey, now being considered for a United States loan.

Despite a drive by Secretary Marshall to speed up the work of the flagging conference, hopes for an Austrian treaty, let alone agreement on much more difficult German questions, appeared dim in the face of the stubborn Soviet opposition.

The entire controversial question of defining German assets in Austria was dumped back on the Deputy Foreign ministers when Molotov rejected proposals by the other three powers and refused to discuss Austria again until the end of the current session, when Austria comes up on the agenda.

Molotov Pat
The question of what nations should participate in a peace conference was also dropped back into the lap of the deputies, who had been unable to resolve the issue.

When Molotov declined to retreat an inch from his stand that only the 18 nations named in the Yalta should take part.

The Soviet Foreign Minister's adamant position came a few minutes after Prince Moazzam Feroz, the Iranian ambassador to Russia, claimed that Molotov had assured him of Russian support of Iran's participation in a peace conference.

HEAD OF AIRLINE SEEKING SUPPORT

South East President Asks
Local Citizens To Give
Views

W. C. Teague, president and general manager of South East Airlines, last night issued a statement calling for the support of the people of Wilmington and New Hanover county in what he termed the company's efforts to furnish North Carolina with adequate airline service.

He asked that the firm be informed of the wishes of the city and county residents on whether or not they wished the present service of South East Airlines continued.

"Write us and tell us if you want airline service," the statement said. "Unless we hear from you, South East Airlines will suspend service to Wilmington at once."

Teague said it was the belief of his firm that the people of North Carolina want the service the company has been rendering, and expressed the belief that the people of Wilmington and New Hanover county want the service continued.

"We think you want and will support airline service out of Wilmington west, and we are sure you will have it soon," he said in his statement.

Teague pointed out that the company had invested \$100,000 in the future of the state and said South East Airlines was willing to invest another \$100,000 or even a million to give to North Carolina the kind of air service it needs.

In referring to Blueenthal air field, Teague asked "what good is an eleven million dollar airport if it is not serving the needs of the people?"

And So To Bed

The telephone rang in the Morning Star news room and a small feminine voice said:

"I'd like to give in a little announcement."

"All right, Ma'm," replied Sports Editor Roy Cook, who had answered despite the fact that he was trying to make a sports page deadline.

"It's a birth announcement," said the small feminine voice. "Just a moment then," said Roy, thinking of his deadline. "It's not one else take it. This is the sports department you have."