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Jesse Jones Gives His Side Of Row On Wallace Nomination

Out of Cabinet



Lending Functions Of Secretary Are Center Of Hearing

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Wallace-Jones cabinet feud came up for a public airing today before a Senate committee sharply divided in its sympathies.

Jesse Jones, the 78-year-old Houston banker, whom President Roosevelt picked as secretary of commerce, accepted the committee's offer to appear at an afternoon hearing in the public-counsel room of the Senate Office Building.

Former Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, nominated by the President for Jones' double-barreled job as commerce secretary and administrator as a campaign reward, has been invited to testify tomorrow.

Technically, the committee was not to examine the pair with relation to the recommendation of Wallace's nomination. That hearing was pushed to second place yesterday in favor of considering a bill offered by Senator George, Georgia Democrat, to split away vast financial responsibilities from the commerce secretary's duties.

George proposed reconstituting control of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and other loan agencies as an independent \$12-billion-a-year administrator, as it was before President Roosevelt consolidated the lending authority with the commerce pool three years ago.

Technically, however, were not likely to stand in the way of a thomaguing inquiry by the senators. The dispute has rocked official Washington since Sunday night when Jones made public Mr. Roosevelt's request that he step aside to make room for Wallace.

10 Months By Principals Is Being Sought

Bill To Aid Blind Given Legislature

\$15,000 Measure Has Committee Approval; Birth Act Delayed

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Another school bill hit the legislative hopper today, this one to provide for employment of principals for ten months instead of the present nine. It was introduced by Senator Massey of Rutherford, who already has sent up several dealing with teachers and principals. Under the measure today, the State Board of Education would determine how much of the extra month would be spent by the principals before and after the opening of school terms.

A similar measure was introduced in the House by McDonald of Polk and Powers of Rutherford.

Senator Gay of Northampton introduced a bill increasing the pay of the governor's private secretary from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year. Reports said such a measure would have been current since June. Hayden left his post as news editor of the Greensboro Daily News because private secretary to Governor Cherry.

A measure by Senator Little of Union would presume persons missing in war action to be dead after two years instead of seven. The armed services pay insurance to beneficiaries after the soldier has been missing one year, but under the State law a person is not declared legally dead until he has been missing seven years.

Miss Perkins Will Remain On Labor Job

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has redesignated Frances Perkins as secretary of labor in his fourth term cabinet, after declining to accept her resignation.

It was learned authoritatively today Miss Perkins had intended her resignation submitted as a formality "to stick," and that she had been preparing to leave Washington after the inauguration.

Mr. Roosevelt rejected the resignation orally last Saturday inauguration day—and today through a letter.

Miss Perkins, who served as New York State labor commissioner for 14 years before her appointment to the cabinet in 1933, has been under fire throughout much of her stay in Washington.

Difficulty of selecting a cabinet member from the ranks of labor who would be acceptable to both the AFL and CIO has been given generally as the reason for her long tenure in the face of her often expressed desire to retire.

GOV. ARNALL GETTING HOT ABOUT GEORGIA POLL TAX

Atlanta, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Asserting he was "tired of seeing my State kicked about in Congress" because of its poll tax restriction on voting, Gov. Ellis Arnall told the Georgia Legislature yesterday to repeal the tax or he would suspend it by executive order.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and mild tonight and Thursday.

REDS TO CROSS ODER RIVER

Nazi Troops Rushed To Eastern Front

Wintery Ritual



Big City Of Breslau May Be Circled

River Is Reported Frozen Hard enough For Foot Crossings

London, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Russian assault forces, now massed in strength along nearly fifty miles of the Oder river in Silesia, have begun shelling west bank cities in preparation for a crossing of this most formidable Nazi defense line in eastern Germany, a Moscow dispatch said today.

Breslau, a city of 650,000 astride the Oder, was threatened with envelopment. Marshal Konev's first Ukraine army, moving on from the southwest and east, was taking its bivouacs from 10 to 12 miles away, while marching northwest in an apparent flanking drive.

From the east bank, southeast of Breslau, Konev's guns were firing virtually pointblank on such cities as Oelsnitz and Bautzen, a few miles to the west.

Writing from Moscow, AP Correspondent Judy Gilmore said there were indications of sufficient ice on the Oder river to support infantrymen out not tanks or other vehicles.

"Nothing has been said officially about ice," Gilmore said. "But the Germans have been claiming the Danube is frozen well south of the Oder area, indicating that if the Danube is frozen enough for foot crossings, the Oder certainly must be."

The Moscow radio confidently forecast an early crossing, denouncing the Volkovitsa division will be swept aside like pine pins.

Massing of Marshal Konev's first Ukraine army on the stream southeast of Breslau was announced last night by Premier Stalin in the last of four orders of the day, which also heralded Russian advances in northeast Poland and East Prussia rapidly being cut off from the rest of Germany.

Two of Stalin's cavalry prouctions named garrisons in East Prussia by Marshal Rokossovsky's northbound White Russian army when captured Sosnowiec, 22 miles south of the Baltic port of Elbing, by General Cherniaievsky's third White Russian army, which thrust within 22 miles of Königsberg, the provincial capital, in drives from the east and northeast.

Among prisoners taken by the second White Russian army was a German lieutenant general, Hans Wassermann. Moscow announced at midnight.

Marshal Zhukov's first White Russian army also received applause from the Soviet premier for capture of Vygodskoye, a strongly held enemy base at the entrance to the Polish corridor. Zhukov was closing in on Poznan.

COMPOSER SUCCUMBS

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Kenneth Sherman Clark, 62, composer of Princeton University's well-known "Jungle March," died Sunday night at his home here.

FIRMER RAILS Boost Stocks

New York, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Bidding which gave the stock market a jolt today, the balance of the day following mixed trends. Southern Railway continued to benefit from yesterday's regular dividend declaration. Chrysler and Bethlehem were prominent in the recovery group.

FIRST PHOTO OF RUSSIANS IN WARSAW



RUSSIAN ARMY OFFICERS are shown in this first photo from Poland talking with residents of devastated Warsaw shortly after the liberation of the Polish Capital. According to the Soviet soldiers the city was practically lifeless when they entered it. The capital had been under Nazi rule since 1939. (International Radiophoto)

IN ONE WEEK—REDS NEAR BRESLAU



WHAT THE RUSSIAN DRIVE had accomplished within seven days of the time the huge winter offensive began rolling westward, is shown in the above map. On Jan. 14, the big push got under way along a front indicated by the heavy line. The white area shows the territory they had covered when the week ended. Tannenberg and Tilsit had fallen and East Prussia (1) was being encircled. To the south the spotlight was on the breakthrough toward Breslau (2). (International)

Superfortresses Blast Iwo Jima In Volcano Islands

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Superfortresses attacked military installations on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima today.

An island in the Volcano group, Iwo Jima is about midway between the Marianas bases of the 21st bomber command and Japan.

From the airbase the Japanese frequently send fighters to intercept Japan-bound B-29s.

In a recent broadcast, the Japanese openly speculated that Iwo Jima may be invaded.

The War Department bulletin announcing the strike by Major General Curtis Lemay's bombers did not provide additional details. A communiqué on the mission will be issued when details are available.

U. S. Patrols Range Near Clark Field

Town of Bamban May Now Be In Hands of American Soldiers

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 24.—(AP)—American patrols operated today near Clark field, whose 13 highly prized airstrips are less than ten miles beyond the front lines of the Manila-bound fourteenth army corps.

General Geiswold's column from San Carlos village, enemy posts still remaining in the approaches to Bamban, south, also saw some fighting.

Six miles beyond Bamban is the town of Roncog, harbor ships and barges constitute one of Luzon's biggest military prizes.

Spencer Davis, AP war correspondent with the 4th division, said in a field dispatch that waves of American infantrymen were moving cautiously across vegetable fields toward Bamban.

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Heads Of Armed Forces In Report To Congress

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Heads of armed forces made a secret war report to Congress today and backers promptly claimed a big victory for national service legislation.

The meeting, an annual event, started last year, was attended by most members, who heard talks by General George C. Marshall, Admiral Ernest King, War Secretary Stimson and Navy Secretary Forrestal.

Speaker Rayburn told reporters after the three-hour session in the Congressional Library auditorium the meeting was "bound to have considerable psychological effect" on the current drive for "work, fight or jail" legislation.

According to those who attended,

Planes Hit Big Convoy Going East

No Sign of Enemy Faltering in West Is as Yet Evident

Paris, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Masses of German troops were spotted down in Germany today, apparently rushing to the faltering eastern front from the ashes of the Ardennes battle in Belgium, virtually erased by the American capture of St. Vith.

In two days British pilots attacked 165 packed train loads on three lines northeast from Dusseldorf to Hanover. Significantly, it was reported that tracks moving southwest to the Ardennes area were empty.

Highways from the Ardennes, choked full of eastbound traffic, also were under violent continuing American aerial assault, which in two days accounted for thousands of vehicles.

The Russian command quiet undisturbed a fifth German division started to the western front, where the Germans said Soviet vanguards were within 137 miles of Berlin, and where the Russians said their troops were on the Oder river—the east wall—in a front of nearly fifty miles. The Russians Saturday identified four divisions, which they said had been in action on the western front.

Despite the huge scale of the German movement, "which must be considerably weakening the Reich's western defenses, there was no immediate sign of the enemy faltering," said AP Correspondent Roger Greene, who had been close to Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters in the north.

He added, however, that "momentous events" were in the offing.

The American front and allied forces pushed their pursuit in the Ardennes toward the original line from which Von Rundstedt started his drive.

Further south the United States seventh army made a limited withdrawal in the general area east and south of Heiligenstadt, supreme headquarters announced, yielding most of the Hohenstaufen pocket, but no large towns.

Opposite the Main river, the British second fought with tank and infantry into Haigerloch, last important German rail center west.

Third army infantry advanced three and a half miles east of a river in Luxembourg.

Cotton Prices Fairly Mixed

New York, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five to 20 cents a bale higher. Noon prices were 25 cents a bale lower to ten cents higher. March 21, '43, \$21.94; April 21, '43, \$21.97; May 21, '43, \$21.77; June 21, '43, \$21.49; July 21, '43, \$21.46; October 21, '43, \$20.57; December 21, '43, \$20.55; January 21, '44, \$20.57.

none of the speakers mentioned the legislation. But Representative Wadsworth, New York Republican, one of the leading advocates of national service proposals, said "it did not hurt."

Wadsworth and others said the talk dealt primarily with the progress of the war and stressing the need for all-out effort. "They discussed with us frankly and candidly the situation in every theatre," Rayburn said.

Chairman May, Kentucky Democrat, of the House Military Committee, earlier had predicted much opposition to the limited national service proposals would disappear after the meeting.