

Congressmen Split In Their Reaction To Youth Training

Many Aren't Prepared To Start Fight

Solons Are Divided In Three Groups On Training Plan

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—An uncertain Congress held up a postponed finger for the kind of public reaction today before tackling President Truman's universal military training program.

Thought up short against a program many aren't ready to meet, legislators appeared to be separating into three groups:

1—Those willing to approve lock, stock and barrel Mr. Truman's proposal that a year's military training be given all physically able young men while they are between the ages of 17 and 20. This appeared to be a minority group.

2—Those who want a modified training program which won't interrupt young America's education. This seemed to take in the great body of middle readers.

3—Those who opposed any form of compulsion, think voluntary military training will meet the nation's needs. They formed another minority group. Leaders wished Truman hadn't brought the matter up at this time. There was no measure on hand designated as an administration bill to carry out his plan.

White House advisers were quoted at second hand saying Mr. Truman had decided to take his stand and let the political chips fall where they may. These advisers think universal training may be the chief issue in the 1946 congressional campaign if the legislators don't act.

Capital Hill's interpretation was that Mr. Truman had decided power is going to do most of the talking in world affairs.

Legislators thought he had come to this conclusion after long talks with General George Marshall, chief of staff and Secretary of State Byrnes, just back from the disappointing five power conference of foreign ministers in London.

Senators To Get Secret Document On Force Merger

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—President Truman has promised to give Senators a secret report by four admirals and generals on whether to merge the armed forces, it was disclosed today.

"He assured me he would get it just as soon as they can prepare copies," Senator Johnson of Colorado, acting chairman of the Senate military committee said.

"I told the President that the press was anxious to see it and he said it would be in such shape that it could be released," Johnson added.

Decision On Wage-Price Policy Near

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—The government moved today toward a decision of national wage and price policy, spurred by the start of strike voting among 500,000 auto workers.

President Truman arranged to confer with members of the reversion advisory board, whose membership takes in top flight spokesmen for management, and organized labor.

The board was called into special session at the White House this morning to debate a revision to the reversion wage-price program.

Reversion Chief Snyder has supplied the board with figures on the peacetime drop in worker income and its relation to the cost of living.

The White House said today that Dr. George W. Taylor, former chairman of the WLB has accepted an invitation to serve as secretary of the labor management conference starting November 5.

Sheds Hitler Name



REMOTE in the outskirts of Hamburg after being freed from a British military prison, Adolf Hitler (above), 64, stepbrother of the unrepentant Adolf, wants to start life anew when an Allied court grants legal permission to change his name to Hiller.

Senate Goes To Work On Tax Measure

Johnson Says He's Not Proud of Bill; Solons Meet Early

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—The Senate went to work today on a bill designated to lift \$5,635,000,000 of the burden from individual and corporate taxpayers next year.

Members were called to work an hour before their usual noon meeting time to get a running start on the legislation. Chairman George, Democrat, of Georgia of the Finance Committee said it could be brought to a vote tomorrow.

Senator Edwin Johnson, a committee member, said he was not proud of the bill it brought to the floor.

He told reporters: "Congress is getting the cart before the ox, in that the reduction of Federal spending should come before tax reductions. There are no indications that wild-eyed spending is on the decline."

Several amendments will be offered, but George said he didn't think the Senate would make any drastic changes in the bill.

An effort may be made to accept some or all of the reductions the House voted in the wartime excess taxes, levied on such things as jewelry, furs, liquor, light bulbs, travel and toilet articles.

Senator Vandenberg said it is likely someone will try to repeal taxes imposed in 1942 to control strategic materials.

Quisling Is Executed By Firing Squad

Arch-Traitor Of Norway Meets His Death In Prison

Oslo, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Vidkun Quisling, Norway's arch traitor, was executed by a firing squad before dawn today, paying the final price for dealing with an enemy his King and countrymen denied throughout the bitter years of the war.

The ghoulish secrecy surrounded the execution, a foreign observer of peace spokesman said. Quisling was awakened in his cell at about 1 a. m. (9 p. m. EST Tuesday) and rushed quickly before the firing squad of ten military police. The only witnesses were an unidentified member of the state prosecution, a sergeant and the officer who gave the fire order.

The youths who formed the firing squad had been forced to flee the country during his puppet regime. Members of the squad had been alerted for the past week for their task.

Quisling stumbled to his death through a misty, drizzling rain in the dismal execution square of the ancient Akers fortress to the very end he maintained he was a patriot. He had sent a letter protesting his innocence to King Haakon VII.

The government had not planned to announce the execution for three or four days to avoid publicity and public curiosity. However, one Oslo newspaper learned of Quisling's death in time to catch its last edition with a brief report he had been executed. The story brought forth a communique some seven hours later.

The body presumably will be turned over to relatives for burial in Quisling's native province, Telemark. A foreign affairs spokesman estimated that his brain would be removed for study.

He was born in 1887.

Ceilings On Home Prices Are Sought

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Reconversion Boss Snyder said today the administration would endorse a program of price ceilings on housing if it were clear that this would not slow construction.

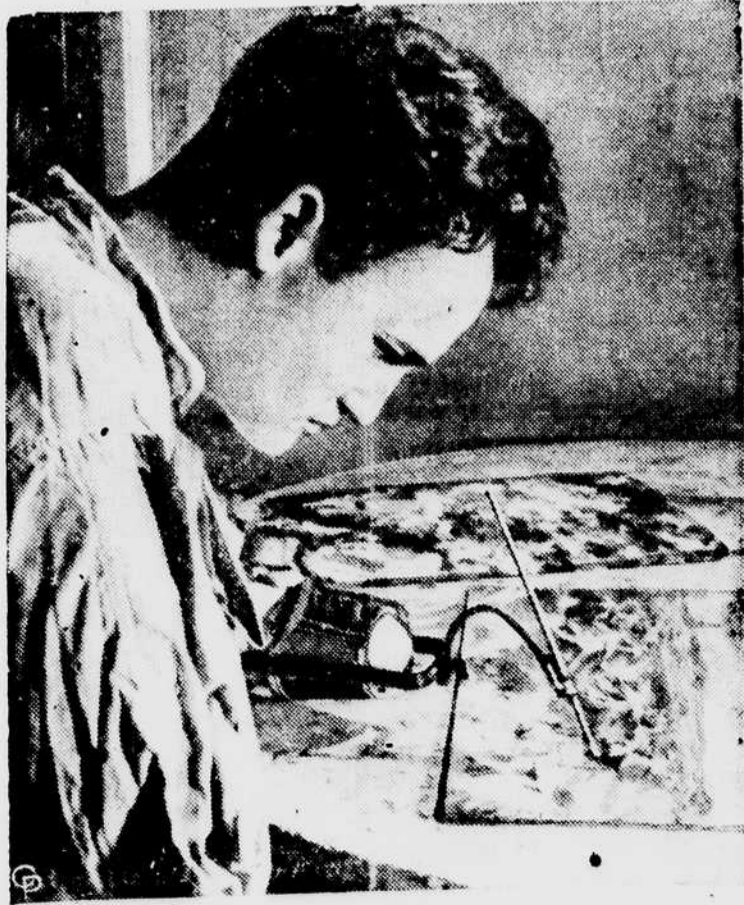
Production is the key to the solution of the inflationary threat, he told a special Senate committee of complaints from small business.

Snyder, under questioning by Senator Wherry, declined to say whether home price ceilings would stop production, encourage it or make no difference.

"I would have to study the bill," he said. "If a bill could be drawn that would not stifle construction it might be helpful against inflation."

Price Chief Bowles was next, who argued strongly for price ceilings on houses to prevent inflation. Bowles said "pressures on the prices of building materials and real estate are greater than in any other field."

HANDLESS ARTIST STIRS CRITICS



WAR WOUNDS COST HIM BOTH HANDS, but Lt. George Sharpnack (above) of Seabring, Ohio, has learned to paint with a special appliance that holds the brush. His works have created much interest in art circles of the nation. Signal Corps photo.

300,000 Workers At G. M. Cast Votes On Strike Issue

TRUMAN HAS PERSONAL INTEREST IN PRIZE PHOTO



WHEN PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN arrived at a dinner given him by the White House news photographers in a Washington hotel, he was greeted by a surprise. He was asked to attend an exhibit by the lensmen who "shoot" him. Here the President finds, much to his amazement, that the first prize winner is a picture of his aged mother exclaiming "Fiddlesticks!" to him after her first plane trip to Washington. Shown are (l. to r.): Charles Mack, News of the Day Newsreel, president of the White House News Photographers Association; John Diehnart, executive editor of International News Photos, one of the judges; Justice William O. Douglas of the U. S. Supreme Court; President Truman; Secretary of State James F. Byrnes; and Commodore James K. Vardaman, naval aide to the President. The exhibit is an annual affair.

90 Per Cent Approval Of Strike Seen

Election to Cost About \$250,000; Other Votes Set

(By The Associated Press)

The first of three strike votes involving some half million workers in the automobile industry's big three was held today as employees of General Motors Corporation balloted in a federally supervised election, costing an estimated \$250,000.

A vote favoring a work stoppage to enter the CIO-United Auto Workers demands for a 30 per cent wage increase appeared certain, even by corporation officials. But a union spokesman said a strike would not necessarily follow the election.

He predicted a tight turn out of General Motors' 300,000 employees, but sufficient to make a strike legal. Results will be announced by the National Labor Relations Board, probably late tomorrow. Union spokesmen predicted 90 per cent of the voters would approve the strike.

The surprising result the center of attention along the nation's labor front will be following tomorrow by a vote among Chrysler employees and among Ford Motor Company workers November 7.

220,000 Are Idle

Across the country labor disputes kept about 220,000 men and women away from work, a slight drop in the last 24 hours.

As workers voted, officials of G. M. and the union resumed their wage conference, but there were no indications of a settlement. Walter P. Reuther, UAW-CIO vice president, said General Motors' officials maintained an "attitude of complete indifference."

The strike of motion picture workers in Hollywood, which has been marked by increased violence, recently, was placed before the AFL executive council in Cincinnati today for consideration. Eric Johnston, chief of the motion picture producers' representatives, and Donald Nelson, independent producers' representatives, were to appear before the council as spokesmen for the industry.

U. S. Is Against Dutch, English Using Our Guns

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes said today that the United States objects to the use of lend-lease arms for political purposes and they have been employed by British and Dutch forces in the Far East.

All that has been done about the objection, Byrnes said, is to ask the British and the Dutch to remove the United States emblem from the equipment they are using against nationalists in Indonesia and in Java.

The policy of objection applies everywhere, Byrnes added, asserting that it has not been invoked that it should be in South America or any other section of the world.

He told inquirers that the United States had not received any protest from Venezuela or others. "Some lend-lease arms were used by Venezuelan revolutionaries last week to put over a liberal change in the government."

In Indo-China and the Dutch Indies, lend-lease materials have been used by troops of the colonial powers to attempt to restore order.

Directors Of Jap Industry Study Issue

Reorganization Of Mitsui Top Issue; Food Crisis Nears

Tokyo, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Directors of Japan's biggest multi-million dollar family monopoly, prodded by the stigma of being linked with the war effort, wrestled today with reorganization while the harassed government prepared to beg for aid to meet a food crisis.

The problem before the directors of Mitsui, a company dating back to 1673, was what to do with holdings which are frowned on under the present set-up by General MacArthur.

The problem before Welfare Minister Ashida was how to feed the people through crucial months of November and December until transportation lacks are overcome to permit adequate distribution of the current rice crop. Ashida said his government plans to negotiate with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

While the Nipponese grappled with the confusing issues of rags and riches, American occupation interest was focused on the visit of a War Department official from Washington. Little was being said about the conferences of John M. Cloy, assistant secretary of war, although those already have included a meeting with MacArthur.

McCloy may have brought word on the oft-rumored possibility of MacArthur making his first visit to the United States since before the war. Or, he may have discussed the forthcoming participation of Russian, British, Australian and Chinese troops in the occupation.

U. S. Without Power To Act To Oust Argentina's Peron

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—United States action against Juan Peron's Argentine dictatorship will continue to consist mostly of protests and "pin-pricks," a survey of the situation made plain today.

Government officials conceded that the Buenos Aires strongman apparently has come back stronger than ever, following his recent ouster as vice president.

But after studying courses of action which might be open to the United States and the 19 other American republics, these officials concluded that only the Argentine people can rid themselves of Peron's regime.

No Appraisal Seen

No desire to appraise Peron figures in this conclusion.

County Road Betterment Is Demanded

Gov. Cherry Raps N. C. Commission For Lack of Work

Raleigh, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Governor Cherry today instructed the State highway and public works commission to give principal attention immediately to improvement of county and secondary roads.

In plain talk he said the rural roads in many sections were in deplorable condition and that he "had heard some people say the worst were in the verge of a revolution."

He said "the state has the money and we can pay" for the increased costs of labor and materials.

He told Chief Engineer Vance Baise who was present, that Baise had spent so much time on figures, blueprints, and contracts, that "you haven't got the proper vision of country roads."

"A real emergency confronts us," he declared.

Chairman A. H. Graham answered said the commission was giving county road improvements a high priority. Some people, he said got an idea after the October 9 lettings that main highways were the primary concern of the commission. That, he said, was incorrect, because that program must be perfected and those roads do not take the same type of equipment as do country roads.

Indonesians Are Slain In Outbreak

Batavia, Java, Oct. 24.—(AP)—The Netherlands news agency Aneta said today that 30 Indonesians were killed late yesterday when they attempted to surround a Dutch barracks on the outskirts of Batavia. One Dutch soldier was wounded.

The violence was reported soon after the return to Batavia of Soetarno, self-styled president of the Indonesian republic. Aneta said Alet Venning, chief political advisor to Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, has met informally with Soekarno and his vice-president, Mohammed Hatta and 15 other members of the independence movement.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Soetarno said H. J. Van Mook, acting governor of the East Indies, sent three mediators to his residence to arrange a meeting with the Soetarno cabinet.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and rather cool tonight; Thursday, increasing cloudiness and cool.

Editors In Japan Are Told To Make Their Press Free

Tokyo, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Japanese editors were told by supreme headquarters today to "establish a free and independent press or make way for papers which will."

Col. Kenneth Dykes, chief of the division of information, charged the editors with having "done practically nothing to explain the senselessness of General MacArthur's free press directive," which was regarded as a Magna Carta for the Japanese people.

The instructions to the conference directed both the newspapers and radio editors to explain the order "in terms that the people can understand and encourage them to use their new rights."

Dykes said there was no desire to lay down a blueprint for the press, but asserted that despite considerable progress toward a free press, in the past few months, there still is remarkable similarity between the policies of different papers on the same issue.

Mitchell Sure President To Come To State

Statesville, Oct. 24.—Even though a White House attaché says President Harry S. Truman might have to cancel his scheduled visit to North Carolina and Georgia, plans here go forward here today for the "biggest day" in the city's history.

Eben Ayers, assistant White House press secretary, told a news conference yesterday that because of the press of business in connection with a forthcoming conference of labor and management representatives in Washington, Mr. Truman may eliminate the Southern trip.

"We have been assured," State Senator Hugh Mitchell in charge of arrangements for the visit, says, "that the President will be here and we are going forward with our plans."

High ranking army, navy and cabinet officials are scheduled to be present during the November visit of the Chief Executive. Thousands of dollars have been spent in decorations for the city.

Mr. Truman is scheduled to address a fall get-together meeting of the state senate here November 2, and to address a public gathering in Raleigh that same night. The following day he will go to Atlanta and Warm Springs, Ga.

VOTE IS DELAYED. London, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Stalled on a question of parliamentary order, the United Nations executive committee postponed a vote today on a Russian request that the nomination committee of the proposed general assembly of the world organization be abolished.