

MEAT PLANTS ORDERED SEIZED SATURDAY

Drilling For Oil In Sands Of Hatteras



Near the historic 197-foot lighthouse (background) at Cape Hatteras, N. C., rises the 168-foot rig (foreground) of Esso No. 1 well where drillers of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey have bored more than 3,000 feet in quest of oil on the coast. The square pool (right foreground) is a storage basin for drilling mud. The drilling is expected to continue to a depth of 8,500 feet. (AP Photo.)

Streamlining Of Congress Outlined By Own Group

\$15,000 Salaries, Pensions And More Aid Are Proposed

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Congress heard from its own ranks today how it should streamline itself, and the program includes pay raises, pensions and extra assistance.

From a parliamentary viewpoint, one of the key recommendations is that Congress break the tight control which the House Rules Committee now can exercise over pending legislation.

The program for modernizing the nation's law-making machinery was reported by a Senate-House subcommittee which has been making an extensive study of congressional or reorganization.

Some program points:

1. Give members of Congress a \$5,000 raise, increasing their salaries to \$15,000, effective the next Congress, and place them under Federal pension system.
2. Allow congressmen more time for important business by permitting each to hire an \$8,000-a-year assistant to handle non-legislative matters.
3. Limit sessions to provide an annual recess at the close of the fiscal year June 30 until September 10 or October 1.
4. Enact laws for the registration of all lobbying groups and their agents, and compel quarterly reports of their expenditures in seeking to influence legislation.

Big Three Gobble Up Nazi Fleet

London, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Remnants of the German fleet, once a powerful factor in world affairs, have been divided among the victorious big three—Britain, Russia and the United States.

"Operable surface units" of the Nazi navy, amounting to 1,750 vessels, together with 30 submarines, are being split up on a share and share alike basis, a tri-power communiqué said.

The action leaves Germany without the vestige of a fleet. The British source said the German merchant fleet would be divided up later, although fishing vessels will not be taken.

Involved in the split-up were two cruisers, 30 destroyers and other units. All of Germany's battleships were sunk during the war, and the British disclosed last night that 100 German U-boats were sunk last November.

CHILD OF 12 IS MOTHER.
Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A child of 12-1/2 years gave birth to a six-pound girl at a hospital here today. Dr. J. W. Hanet reported today, and both are doing well.

UNO Plans Protection From Bomb

London, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The United Nations Organization, temporarily shelving the Franco, Italian, Greek and Indonesian issues, today tackled problems of setting up machinery to safeguard the world against the atomic bomb.

The specific proposal before the general assembly as it met at 10 a. m. EST, would be establishment of a commission to study atom control councils and to make recommendations to the world security council.

There was no indication that the plan, sponsored by the United States, Great Britain, Soviet Russia and Canada, would meet any serious opposition.

The importance of the atomic question was underscored by an announcement of United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes that he would return to Washington immediately after his commission is created. Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., will head the American delegation against the UNO's consideration of Iranian complaints against Russia, and Russian complaints against British policies in Greece and Indonesia.

Marshall Becomes Military Advisor To Chinese Group

Chunehing, Jan. 23.—(AP)—General Marshall, President Truman's special envoy, has accepted the post of advisor to the military committee of three under the reorganization of the Chinese army. Minister of Information J. C. Wu announced today.

Wu also said he thought censorship in recovered areas would be lifted very soon, and the Chinese administration has been established in the Manchurian cities of Changchun, Mukden, Harbin, Chinsien and Szeputzki. The minister said, however, there still are no government forces in either Dairen or Port Arthur.

FOOD SEIZED FROM ARSENAL IN TOKYO

Tokyo, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Food stored in a former arsenal was seized yesterday by the leaders of approximately 3,500 residents in two Tokyo wards and distributed among men and women clustered about in a warehouse. A home ministry official, commenting on the incident, said it followed two days of negotiations over distribution of the commodities.

House Will Re-Write Fact Bill

Seven Amendments To Truman Formula Are To Be Offered

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A strong drive took shape in the House today to re-write into broad new strike control legislation the watered down version of President Truman's fact-finding bill.

Leaders of a group composed largely of Republicans and southern Democrats told newsmen they will try to attach seven amendments to the measure approved yesterday by the House Labor Committee.

Just how broad these proposals will be has not yet been agreed upon, and much of the decision may be fought out on the House floor. The battle probably will begin next week after the rules committee acts on the fact-finding bill.

Regardless of details, the coalition leaders claimed, and their opponents acknowledged, widespread backing for some type of straight legislation aimed at curbing industrial strife.

Foes of such action told reporters privately their chief hope lies in settlement of the major labor disputes before a vote is taken. "We are just making a last ditch stand otherwise," one of them said. "The House is rearing to go. Most members believe they have to push through something to end the strikes."

The first test will come before the rules committee, probably Friday.

Short Expected Washington Move For Hawaii Alert

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Major General Walter C. Short declared today that as Army commander at Pearl Harbor in 1941 he expected Washington "either to order an alert there last that year or give me sufficient information to order it."

This assertion was made before the Senate-House committee investigating the December 7, 1941, attack on Hawaii after he was asked whether he had expected General George C. Marshall to order the base on the alert.

Short recalled that in June, 1940, Marshall himself had issued such orders to the Hawaiian command, where the chief of staff feared an attack there.

Kidnaped Infant Sells For \$2.50 In Manila Market

Manila, Jan. 23.—(AP)—In this city, where an under-nourished chicken brings at least nine pesos (\$6.50 of American money) in the black market, a kidnaped baby girl recently sold for five pesos.

Manila detectives found the baby in a shack of a food peddler.

The vendor told police she had bought the baby from a young woman for five pesos. After all, the baby's clothing was worth more than that on the black market. Officers said the baby had received excellent care.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy and warmer tonight. Thursday increasing cloudiness and warmer, followed by showers in mountains this afternoon.

U. S. Freighter Rescues 4,300 Japs From Liner

Shanghai, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The dramatic rescue of nearly 4,300 Japanese from their sinking repatriation ship, the Enoshima Maru, was told today when the American freighter Brevard arrived jammed with 99 percent of the survivors.

The ship sank rapidly after striking a mine 60 miles off the mouth of the Yangtze river yesterday. In only 25 minutes all the Japanese except about 20

STEEL STRIKERS 'JUMP GUN' IN PITTSBURGH



FRIGID COLD AND FALLING SNOW meant little to these former workers in the giant Irvin Works of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation at Pittsburgh, Pa., as they formed their picket line before one of the plant gates in advance of the midnight deadline. Warning themselves at a roaring fire, they shouldered their self-explanatory placards to begin one of the nation's most serious strikes. (International Soundphoto)

CIO Seeks Higher Taxes Upon U. S. Corporations

President Halts Two Stoppages

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—President Truman today took steps to halt a threatened strike on two Chicago railroads which would block livestock shipments to the Chicago stock yards.

Acting under railway mediation law, he created an emergency board to investigate a dispute between the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad, and Chicago Junction railroad and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

A walkout of the 1,600 trainmen on the two shuttle roads had been set for 1:30 tonight. The union charged the roads with violating a union contract.

National Mediation Board officials said the parties would be notified of the President's action, which, under the law, usually halts a strike automatically for sixty days, pending the emergency board's report.

Vinson is Named By President For Monetary Duties

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson was nominated by President Truman today to be the United States governor of the international monetary fund and of the international bank for reconstruction and settlement for a five-year term.

Vinson, in this new post, would retain the Treasury secretaryship.

The appointment is the principal one to be made for the United States under the Bretton Woods plan for stabilization of international currencies and reconstruction of war-torn areas.

STREICHER HAS ATTACK

Nuernberg, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Julius Streicher, one of the defendants in the Nuernberg trial, suffered a heart attack today and was put to bed.

An official statement from palace of justice authorities said it was "too early to determine whether the notorious Jew-baiter's heart attack was due to an organic condition or to mental strain he had been under."

Murray Says Steel Can Loaf For Year On Reserve Profits

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Revision of Federal corporation tax laws was demanded today by the CIO-United Steel Workers as union and management each sought to marshal public opinion on their side of the three-day-old strike.

Philip Murray, president of the CIO and the U.S.W., charged in a letter to Treasury Secretary Vinson that existing legislation would give the stalled steel industry "guaranteed profits that are 29 percent above the level of pre-war earnings, even if it should loaf the rest of the year."

U. S. Steel President E. F. Fairless rebutted a nationwide radio address for 10 p. m. tonight to present "both sides of the grim dispute, and in a statement he set forth his reasons why President Truman's compromise proposals for a wage increase of 13-1/2 cents an hour, accepted by the union, was rejected by management.

U. S. Steel's offer of a fifteen percent wage increase, Fairless said, meant 75 percent of the union's proposal. To go higher, he added, "would endanger the thousands of fabricators and processors of steel whose very existence would be in jeopardy should we grant the union's demands for such a large and unwarranted increase."

As the strike went into its third day, with 75,000 idle at nearly 1,300 plants in 29 states, an Associated Press survey disclosed some 35,000 are at work in the steel industry. Less than 30,000 of these were employed at mills producing iron and steel, the remainder at smaller fabricating plants.

Broad Program For Forestry In State Proposed

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A comprehensive survey of forestry administration in North Carolina, embracing 17 recommendations for the improvement of forestry resources, was turned over to Governor Chery this morning in ceremonies held in the governor's office.

Jack J. McNutt, of Washington, associate executive secretary of the Society of American Foresters, together with the Charles Lathrop Forestry Foundation, sponsored the survey at the invitation extended by Governor Broughton in 1944, and handed the report over to the governor.

In the report it was recommended that the governor request the Department of Conservation and Development to formulate a program leading to a comprehensive system of State forests and place this program in the hands of a forest survey commission, giving it an annual appropriation of at least \$50,000 for ten years.

ARAB REJECT PLAN OF ADMITTING JEWS

Jerusalem, Jan. 13.—(AP)—British proposals for interim immigration of 1,500 Jews monthly into Palestine have been rejected by the Arab high committee, which declared further study of the Jewish problem was unnecessary.

Agriculture Department In Control

Will Be Assisted By War Department If Aid Is Needed

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The White House announced today the Department of Agriculture will seize and operate strike-bound meat packing plants on Saturday.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the Agriculture Department will have the aid of the War Department, "if necessary," and that the Agriculture Department will conduct the operations. Ross declined to answer questions concerning his terse announcement, made to a hurriedly called news conference. Ross made the following oral statement:

"The necessary orders for the seizure are now being prepared by the secretary of labor. The seizure will be made by the Department of Agriculture, with the aid of the War Department, if necessary. The plants will be operated by the Department of Agriculture."

A few minutes earlier a government official, who declined to be quoted directly, had indicated that the seizure would be made Saturday to allow further time to persuade striking CIO workers to return to their jobs under government operation. Labor Department officials have said that striking AFL workers had agreed to return if the government took over.

It remained uncertain, however, whether Federal seizure of the meat packing plants would restore speedily the normal flow of beef, lamb and pork products to the nation's tables.

The Labor Department had assurances that the 70,000 striking AFL meat workers would return to work, but there was no such commitment at once from the 200,000 CIO workers.

However, Assistant Secretary of Labor John W. Gibson, said he understood seizure would be ordered in any case.

Preparation of seizure papers was virtually completed last night, it was learned, although the government marked time in efforts to settle the steel strike, which has 750,000 workers idle in 30 states, and there were a few rays of hope.

Electrical manufacturing Mediation was to be resumed tomorrow in New York by leaders of 200,000 striking CIO United Electrical Workers and executives of General Electric and Westinghouse Corporation.

Steel—Seizure of strikebound steel plants was reported by those close to the White House to be "hardly in the stage of serious discussion" at this time.

Shiphounding—The working committee of the shiphounding organization today to act on the government-sponsored proposal to increase shipyard wages fifteen percent.

Return Of Lewis To AFL Probable In Near Future

Miami, Fla., Jan. 23.—(AP)—The return of John L. Lewis and his 500,000 United Mine Workers to the American Federation of Labor became possible today after nearly a decade of estrangement.

There was an opening of the 15-man executive council, and it was learned reliably that Lewis was considering it more seriously than at any time since he and his miners left the parent federation in 1936.

Top AFL leaders, here for the mid-winter council session, conceded that the opening was Lewis. They were close-lipped, however, about their plans. Lewis was equally silent.

COTTON SAGS AFTER FORENOON ADVANCES

New York, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 20 to 30 cents a bale higher. Noon prices were five cents a bale lower to 80 cents higher. March 25.00; May 24.93; July 24.90.

	Pv. Close	Open
March	25.01	25.07
May	24.98	25.02-03
July	24.87	24.93-95
October	24.48	24.54-56
December	24.38	24.54
March 1946	24.39	24.51-52

'Strike a Disaster'



U. S. CIVILIAN PRODUCTION Administrator John D. Small (above), who characterized the steel strike as a "national disaster," planned suspending all steel priorities so that distributors could ration their small supplies in favor of public utilities and services concerned with the public welfare. (International)

Hoey Joins Filibuster Upon FEPC

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The wordy war against FEPC entered its fifth day today with filibustering southern senators in fine voice.

It was impossible to gauge where a break would come in their well-organized campaign to talk to death the legislation which would set up a permanent fair employment practices commission.

Senator Clyde R. Hoey, silver-haired North Carolina Democrat, who habitually adorns the lapel of his truck coat with a red carnation, got the nod to take up where Senators Russell, Democrat, Georgia, and Tamm, Democrat, Maryland, left off at 6 p. m. last night.

The battling order has not been announced beyond Hoey, but Senator Allen J. Ellender, Louisiana Democrat, volunteered that he is being held in reserve.

Forrestal Seeks 8-Member Group On Bomb Control

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Navy Secretary Forrestal recommended sweeping basic changes today in the domestic atomic energy control bill proposed by Senator McMahon, Democrat, Connecticut.

Testifying before the special Senate atomic committee, of which McMahon is chairman, the cabinet official said the Navy Department concurs in the overall purpose of the bill, but finds it unsatisfactory in several features.

Instead of the five-member, full-time control commission proposed by McMahon, Forrestal advocated an eight-member body headed by the vice president of the United States. Other ex-officio members would include the secretaries of state, war and navy. In addition, he said, there would be four full-time members appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.