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Future Of Strike Bill Is Indefinite

Final Action Said To Be Months Away; It's Not Emergency

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—Final congressional action on a strike control bill appeared today to be months away.

Chairman Murray (D) of Montana said he expects the bill approved by the House Labor Committee on March 17 will not come up for floor debate until next week, as the British strike bill is still being considered.

Members of the OPA have been discussing it at length, and a decision on the leadership, he said, but added that these measures are more emergency measures than this would be.

When all indications the proposed \$1,000,000,000 loan to Britain will come up for extensive debate.

And the letting around the capital that a decision on OPA's future will not be reached much ahead of the strike control act's present expiration date — June 30.

Firing Squad Decreed For Gen. Homma

Tokyo, March 21.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur today decreed a firing squad death for Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, his victorious foe in the 1942 battle for Bataan, and disagreed sharply with two United States Supreme court justice dissenters — one of whom had termed the sentence vengeance rather than justice.

Date and details of the execution, which now could be stayed only by President Truman, will be set in Manila.

Berlin's Axis Sally Will Be Brought To U. S. For Trial

Berlin, March 21.—(AP)—Justice Department representatives informed a woman accused as Berlin's "Axis Sally" today that she is to be taken to the United States and charged with treason.

The 37-year-old, Portland, Me., native, identified by American Military Government officials as Mildred Gillars, has been under arrest since Friday night. In an interview she referred to herself as "Axis Sally" and told reporters, "My conscience is clear, I have nothing to hide."

Russia Blames Reactionaries For Iran Spat

Moscow, March 21.—(AP)—The Russian Government newspaper Izvestia said today that "it is perfectly obvious that continuance of the policy of reactionary circles in Iran may lead only to further sharpening of the situation in the country."

"Among Iranian political leaders there are not a few persons who acknowledged the necessity for changes in foreign and internal policy," Izvestia added. "These changes have ripened and are directed by the interests of the Iranian people."

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS IN MEXICO

Mexico City, March 21.—(AP)—With President Manuel Avila Camacho scheduled to throw out the first ball at the Vera Cruz-Mexico City game here, the Mexican "major league" baseball season opened today, with sell outs reported in all parks.

Spring Breezes In Cool; Good Farm Season Predicted

College Station, Raleigh, March 21.—Spring, 1946, breezed coolly into North Carolina at 12:33 a. m. today, the first member of the Weather family to smile favorably at farmers in two seasons.

Weatherman C. E. Lamoureux at State College had a reassuring forecast of "no frost" for the next three days. Early fruits and vegetables throughout the state had been nipped but not noticeably damaged by frosty temperatures 10 days ago.

When the sun reached the vernal equinox today, crop and farm prospects for the state generally were favorable. An isolated outbreak of blue mold in Columbus county is believed by college Extension Service experts to be comfortably under control to date. Tobacco plants are healthy and plentiful.

Conditions, acreages and potential

BLIND EDUCATOR AT CEREMONY



ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president emeritus of Columbia University, as the famed educator, who has completely lost his sight, leaves the Trustees Room after meeting Winston Churchill. Despite the fact that he is blind, Dr. Butler still felt it his duty to attend the ceremony in New York at which the former Prime Minister was presented with an honorary doctor's degree. (International)

FDR, Stimson Wanted To Make Sneak Attack On Japs

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—Former Secretary of War Henry Stimson disclosed today that President Roosevelt's war cabinet discussed and rejected nine days before Pearl Harbor an American attack on Japanese forces "without further delay."

He recounted this in a statement sent to the Senate-House committee investigating Japan's surprise blow on December 7, 1941. The committee made it public today.

Stimson related that on the morning of Friday, Nov. 28, 1941, he received information of Japanese movements along the Asiatic coast. They were of such a formidable character, that he went to the White House.

Roosevelt in fact, he said, received his secretary of war and they discussed the matter.

"The Stimson story continued: 'He suggested that there were three alternatives as my notes show: First to do nothing, second, to make something of the nature of an ultimatum, stating a point beyond which we would fight or third to fight at once.'

"I said that I felt that to do nothing was out of the question and the President agreed. As to the two other alternatives, the desirable thing to do from the point of view of our own justice and safety was to take the initiative and attack. It is axiomatic that the best defense is offense. It is always dangerous to wait and let the enemy make the first move.

Justified Attack.

"I was inclined to feel that the warning given to Austria by the President against further moves by the Japanese toward Thailand justified an attack without further warning, particularly as their new movement southward indicated they were about to violate that warning.

On the other hand I realized the situation could be made more lean out from the point of view of public opinion if a further warning were given."

During its hearings, closed a month ago, the committee learned from State Department records that Mr. Roosevelt warned the Japanese ambassador in August, 1941 that the United States would take steps to defend its interests if Japan engaged in further aggression toward southeast Asia.

U.M.W. Head Fighting For Health Fund

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—John L. Lewis hammered a way anew today on his demand that soft coal operators create a health and welfare fund for the industry's 500,000 miners.

The holed-headed president of the United Mine Workers who has made threats that the miners will strike April 1 if demands are not met, still held to his mystifying strategy of virtually ignoring the wage and hour concessions he seeks.

As closed door negotiations session went into their third day, representatives of the mine operators reported that Lewis continued to insist on his safety and welfare proposals.

Arms Conference Memories Roused

Yokohama, March 21.—(AP)—Premier Shidehara today met Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger for the first time since the 1921-22 armistice conference in Washington. Eichelberger was then a major on duty with the Chinese delegation. Shidehara a member of the Japanese delegation.

Today, the prime minister discussed the Japanese food situation with the 3th army commander.

To Quit Greece.

London, March 21.—(AP)—The British Foreign Office held out promise today of early withdrawal by British troops from Greece but said it wants Greek elections held as soon as possible despite pressure for postponement — some of it from the outside and some from within.

New Rocket Soars Up Over 43 Miles To Record Weather

Pasadena, March 21.—(AP)—A new low-altitude rocket developed by the California Institute of Technology has soared 43 and one-half miles into space in quest of weather secrets.

The army ordnance department disclosed today that the rocket, weighing 1,000 pounds, 16 feet long and 12 inches in diameter, has been launched over the small cones. Its job will be to record on the celestial globe, record temperatures and release the date by parachute.

UNO Meet Won't Be Delayed; Iran Calls Youths To Colors

Frontier Battle Being Waged By Kurdish Tribes

Tehran, March 21.—(AP)—Iran's 19-year-old youths were summoned to the colors today in the wake of reports that three Iranian army garrisons were under attack by Kurdish tribesmen in the isolated region near the border of Iraq.

At the same time, leaders of Iran's leftist Tudeh party were called into private session and leftist elements expressed belief the Tudeh party might lead leftist formations against the government because of its appeal to the United Nations security council against continued presence of Russian troops in Iran.

Camp Possible.

In Baghdad, a former Iraqi diplomat declared upon returning from Tehran that the Tudeh party could stage a coup d'etat at any time.

He added:

"The greatest if in Iran's case is that if the Iranians officially announce that they will take the matter to the UNO, then the Communists will be given a good chance. Rightist Deputy Saad Zia Eddin, described by political writers as anti-Russian and generally known as a leading opponent of Premier Ahmad Sattarab, was taken into custody by two men in uniform of Iranian army colonels. Zia told newspaper: 'I think they are arresting me because I am not liked by the Russians.'

GI PET SHIP BRINGS DOG CARGO



AMONG THE 114 DOG MASCOTS of American soldiers to arrive in New York on the "GI Dog Ship," Thomas Nelson Page, were "Bern," a St. Bernard and two of his dachshund pals from Berlin. Individual owners paid \$75 per pet to bring in this cargo of wartime pals. (International)

Russia Surprised By Iranian Move; U. S. Wants Action

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Asked in what way these negotiations are taking place he said, they were being carried on through diplomatic channels.

Government Of Bulgaria Will Resign

Sofia, March 21.—(AP)—The Bulgarian Government, headed by Premier Kimon Georgiev, announced that its resignation would be submitted to parliament today—a move interpreted in some quarters as opening the way for broadening the cabinet in accordance with the Moscow agreement of December 1945.

Other observers, noting that the step followed several days of "bar-raising" for portfolios, predicted that the resignation would result only in a reshuffle of members among the Fatherland Front parties now in power.

CHURCHILL ENDS 68-DAY VACATION

New York, March 21.—(AP)—Winston Churchill's 66-day visit to the United States ended today as the former British premier sailed for England aboard the liner Queen Mary.

At Rapido Hearing



TESTIFYING before the House Military Affairs Committee in Washington, Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, who was in direct command of the Rapido River battle in Italy, is shown as he said that the attack did not aid the Anzio landing. Veterans of the bloody Italian battle have asked the committee to probe the "fiasco." (International)

President Is Not Opposed To A Return To Rationing

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—President Truman in his morning press conference today told reporters he would not object to a return to rationing if it became absolutely essential, but he hoped it wouldn't.

He said he will make a political speech Saturday night but it will contain no announcement that he will seek re-election in 1948.

He made this reply with a chuckle when asked if he would announce his candidacy in his scheduled Jackson Day speech.

Again on the subject of politics and with a laugh, he said he and Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace never had discussed rationing. He said that party members who break ranks on major legislation should be disciplined. It is necessary to hold the party in power in line to get its program over he said but there is no set way of doing it.

He added he would be happy to have Republicans join with Democrats on progressive measures.

In response to a question about Navy Department funds, Mr. Truman said a navy statement, which he did not identify, about its need for money was not in line with the facts. There has been a misunderstanding that ought to be cleared up, he said, and Budget Director Harold Smith will explain the situation.

Big Powers Divide Over Food Board

Atlantic City, N. J., March 21.—(AP)—A sharp split developed today among the big five powers over a Russian-Chinese backed effort to curtail the allocating powers of the combined food board which controls the flow of groceries supplied for world consumption by Canada, England, and the United States.

Opposing the move were the U. S. and British supported by Canada. These three countries comprise membership of the board which has been under constant attack since delegates of 47 nations convened here Friday for GNRRA's biennial council meeting.

Just where France stood remained uncertain. Assistant Secretary of State Will Clayton called after yesterday to Russian plans to set wheat to France.

PRICES ARE HIGHER FOR LINT FUTURES

New York, March 21.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 39 to 59 cents a bale higher.

Non prices were 35 to 60 cents a bale higher.

	Prev. Cl	Open
May	26.70	26.78
July	26.73	26.83
Oct.	26.69	26.76
Dec.	26.66	26.72
March (1947)	26.66	26.73
May (1947)	26.62	26.69

Russia Planning To Release Men For Fall Harvest

Moscow, March 21.—(AP)—Several million Red army and airborne troops will be demobilized between May and September by the first important decree of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In an order, the presidium, upon recommendation of the defense ministry, directed that six classes should be restored to civilian status in time for the fall harvest. Russia previously had demobilized 23 age groups.

Soviet Submarines Lying Off Batavia

Batavia, March 21.—(AP)—Reports circulated here today that Russian submarines were lying off the south coast of Java.

The supreme Allied command and the command of Allied forces in Batavia made no comment.

A similar dispatch was transmitted from Batavia by the official Dutch news agency, Aneta, crediting "apparently reliable report" and circulated in Britain by Reuters.

WAGE MEASURE VOTE DELAYED IN SENATE

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—Leaders of Senate factions scrapping over the administration's \$2.5 billion minimum wage legislation were reported today to have reached an informal understanding to hold off voting until next week. Several senators were out of town and some leaders were trying to work out a compromise.

Gromyko Opposes 'Hasty Action'

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No Rail Breakdown To Hurt Shippers, Board Is Advised

Charlotte, March 21.—(AP)—A spokesman for American Railways assured southern business and industry today there would be no breakdown of railroad transportation that would affect the nation's economy, despite some expressed fears to the contrary.

W. C. Kendall of Washington, chairman of the American Association of Railroad Car Service Division spoke to the annual meeting of the Southeast Shippers Advisory board.

Explosion Rocks Hong Kong Island

Hong Kong, March 21.—(AP)—Two explosions of British and Japanese ammunition in storage tunnels shook the northeast end of this island today and persons as far as a mile away were injured by falling rocks and steel fragments. Fear was expressed that an additional 50 tons of explosives stored nearby might be detonated.

Survey Indicates Tobacco Plants Healthy And Plentiful

College Station, Raleigh, March 21.—An early survey indicates that blue-cured tobacco plants are plentiful and healthy throughout North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Howard R. Garriss, Extension plant pathologist at State College, said today that while blue mold, a deadly tobacco disease, has been discovered in three isolated sections of south Georgia and on two farms in Columbus county, North Carolina, prospects for a good supply of hardy plants are "encouraging."

Assistant Columbus county (N. C.) Agent J. P. Quinley reported:

"Generally, tobacco plants are plentiful and most of them are sufficiently large for the time of year."

A report from County Agent R. A. Jackson of Williamsburg, S. C., said: "Practically all farmers have a good prospect for sufficient tobacco plants to set the increased acreage permitted this year. With favorable seasons, the crop should be set on time."

No reports of leaf plant diseases have been received from South Carolina.

Extension Service experts said that most growers are protecting plant beds with chemical spray, other methods of disinfection being ruled out by the acute shortage of plantbed cloth. Fumate spray, which should be used before the disease strikes, is recommended.

Blue mold dipped heavily into the profits of tobacco farmers in the western Piedmont section of North Carolina last year. Growers were forced to import plants from eastern counties at the risk of bringing new plant diseases into their own communities.

A concise publication outlining methods of combating this tobacco plant disease—"AIS 37"—is available free to producers who may write Agriculture Publications, State College.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Fair tonight, warmer late this afternoon, Friday, partly cloudy and warmer.