

OPPOSE LOAN TO BRITAIN



THREE FIRM OPPONENTS to approval of the loan to Great Britain meet vigorously opposing the \$3,750,000,000 loan on the floor of the Senate in Washington. Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) left, declared it would be "like pouring water down a rat hole." Senators Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) center, and Olin D. Johnston (D-S. C.) right, added their opposition to the proposal. (International Soundphoto)

Ministers Give Yugoslavia Several Dalmatian Islands

Evidence On Spain Asked By UNGroup

Open Invitation For Intelligence On Franco Issued

New York, May 2.—(AP)—The United Nations Security Council subcommittee investigating the Spanish question called today for all member-nation intelligence bearing on Spain and, in effect, invited both the Franco regime and the exile Spanish Republicans to present their bitterest arguments as well.

The subcommittee in its report until 5 p. m. next Monday awaiting response to a circular letter asking the governments of the 41 United Nations to present all relevant material in their possession on the situation in Spain.

Meanwhile, the investigators have before them 461 letters and telegrams from private sources almost unanimously disapproving the Franco regime.

Most of the communications urged recognition of the Spanish Republican leadership existing in Paris as the rightful government of Spain, while some advocated that a new Spanish regime be set up on the basis of a free democratic election.

Rail Unions Quit Talks

Chicago, May 2.—(AP)—Representatives of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Railroad Engineers today walked out of negotiation conferences with the carriers aimed at a heading off a nationwide strike.

A. F. Whitney, president of the trainmen, said the unions left the conferences, which began Monday in an effort to avert a strike set for 4 p. m., May 18, because the operators "offered us nothing substantial."

Whitney said the railroads offered the unions "nothing but what the President's fact finding panel recommended," and stated "we've already turned that down."

Efforts Increased To Agree On Pact For Italian People

Paris, May 2.—(AP)—Foreign ministers of the four Allied powers in conference here were reported by British sources today to have awarded to Yugoslavia a string of Dalmatian Islands along the eastern Adriatic coast.

The ministers cancelled their regular afternoon press and decided to have an informal meeting every afternoon at headquarters of the foreign minister who was to preside over the formal meeting. A session was called this afternoon at Byrnes' headquarters.

In awarding the Dalmatian islands to Yugoslavia, the ministers decided that the territory should be demilitarized.

Italian Fishing Guaranteed.

The Italian fleet of 600 fishing boats was given to Yugoslavia, but Italian fishing rights were guaranteed. Italy was allowed to keep Pianosa, but it too must be demilitarized.

Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov proposed a suggestion to insert in the Italian peace treaty a clause giving Italy to turn over war criminals as requested. It was dropped.

The ministers scheduled two informal meetings to try and clear up as many points of disagreement as possible before tomorrow's session, at which Yugoslav and Italian experts are expected to present evidence in the Austrian boundary dispute and on the problem of Trieste.

The deputy foreign ministers decided at a session last night to place the Dalmatian and war criminal questions on the agenda for today, but gave no indication of what war criminals were to be discussed.

Loan Vote Is Delayed

Washington, May 2.—(AP)—The administration came reluctantly to the conclusion today that it probably can not force a Senate showdown this week on the \$3,750,000,000 British loan.

Moreover, it faced the possibility of a long delay — while the Senate considers draft and OPA extension legislation — if it fails to wrangle a decision early next week.

Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky did not want to talk about it. But Senator Wheeler of Nebraska, the Republican whip, told a reporter it is his opinion that "if we don't vote by Monday or Tuesday, it will be a long time before we do."

State's Revenue Collections Rise

Raleigh, May 2.—(AP)—North Carolina's revenue collections rose to \$120,007,263 for the ten months period already elapsed in the current fiscal year with collections from all sources of \$12,924,245 in April, Commissioner Edwin Gill reported today.

STATE-WIDE LIQUOR VOTE REJECTED BY CONVENTION

Quick Coal Strike End Is Ruled Out

UMW Policy Makers Gather On Tuesday; Electricity Rationed

Washington, May 2.—(AP)—John L. Lewis seemed today to have virtually ruled out any possibility of a coal strike settlement for at least five more days as awarding fuel supplies out most kinds factories and business establishments to 20 or 24 hours of electricity a week.

Lewis' action in summoning the 250-member policy committee of the United Mine Workers to Washington next Tuesday was construed by observers of previous strike strategy to indicate he did not expect agreement with the soft coal operators by then.

The committee would have to ratify any settlement proposal, but it also could have been summoned to hear a report on progress and take up problems connected with the opening of contract parleys for 75-900 anthracite miners on May 19.

As the coal shortage became more acute, acting Health Commissioner Israel Weinstein in New York City term the situation "very grave."

He said that unless there are signs of an end to the strike within a week he will ask that subway operations be curtailed, a brown out instituted and the city's disaster control board convened.

The order of the Illinois Commerce Commission in clamping a drastic 24 hour a week ration of electricity on industrial users in Chicago and northern and central Illinois leaves those users completely without power on Sundays. During the week, they may use power only between 2 and 6 p. m.

This most drastic step, forced by the 32-day old soft coal shutdown, came shortly before Charles O'Neill, spokesman for the local operators, contended in a radio address that Lewis had "deliberately provoked" the strike which he said has brought the country to "the brink of a disaster greater than anything since Pearl Harbor."

The nation's mayors were called upon individually to get these drivers rolling by setting up local famine emergency committees that will enlist the united efforts of the community's leadership.

Other top developments in the overall food picture:

1. Increased black market traffic in butter was indicated by an Agriculture Department report.
2. Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson voiced increased optimism over prospects for a bumper wheat crop.
3. Rains in the northern plains regions extending as far south as Kansas yesterday made welcome news for crop experts.
4. The Agriculture Department announced it will continue to make food purchases for foreign governments after July 1 because of the current crisis.
5. The way was cleared for the May 12 opening of a nation-wide emergency food collection campaign which will solicit contributions of canned goods and cash for famine relief.

R. F. C. EXTENSION ASKED BY TRUMAN

Washington, May 2.—(AP)—Describing the Reconstruction Finance Corp. as a major instrumentality for conducting postwar government business activities, President Truman today recommended that its statutory authority be extended beyond the present Jan. 22, 1947, expiration date.

The President also again told Congress that legislation providing premium payment subsidies to finance expansion of building materials was essential to provide an adequate supply of housing for returned veterans.

Pleas Voiced In Federal Spending, Agencies For Work On Doughton Forecasts Big Slash Rural Roads

Raleigh, May 2.—(AP)—Pleas for reductions in Federal expenditures and for better county roads were voiced today before the State Democratic Convention, whose platform committee ignored a movement for a statewide referendum on the sale of liquor.

Francis Clarkson of Charlotte, representing the Allied Church League, tried to pledge the party for state-wide prohibition and for a referendum. Supporting his move were W. R. Dalton of Reidsville, a layman, and L. A. Martin of Lexington, strong supporters of prohibition.

W. P. Horton of Pittsboro, former lieutenant governor and now national committeeman was named chairman of the platform committee. He read letters from churches and other organizations opposing legal liquor sales.

Governor R. Gregg Cherry in his campaign came out for such a referendum.

Former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus was named permanent convention chairman and LeRoy Martin, Raleigh banker, was named permanent secretary.

Rep. R. L. Doughton said he believed reductions in Federal spending would be effected. He voiced the hope of a balanced budget by 1947 and a "reasonable program of reduction in the public debt."

Governor Cherry, who heads the party in the State, said, "a most distressing condition prevailed over many portions" of the state last winter. Many county roads became impassable, he said, but steps are being taken to prevent a recurrence of such a condition.

No Traveling Guarantee.

"This is no traveling guarantee," Cherry said, "but I want you to accept it as a sincere statement, that an honest, well planned and, I hope, successful effort, will be made to attain that goal."

The platform, almost a repetition of previous stands of the party, criticized the Republicans for what the Democrats described as retarding moves.

Significance was seen in the platform against a movement to separate the Division of Game and Fisheries from the Department of Conservation and Development—a move that is generally predicted to be the hottest in the 1947 legislature. The platform statement said:

"We commend what the State Department of Conservation and Development is doing to promote the sound utilization of our natural resources and to prevent unwise exploitation. There must be further expansion in the indispensable activities of this state agency."

Greeting To President.

The party sent its warmest greetings to President Truman, who it said, "has dealt firmly and wisely with many difficult problems which his administration has been called upon to meet and master."

We especially commend President Truman's foreign policy. He is continuing the task of international leadership and cooperation to which Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt committed the Democratic party.

The platform endorsed fully the state delegation and praised what it termed the "truly notable achievements of the general assembly."

Finances Praised.

It also praised the state's financial structure and said that "government profrugality is the twin evil of governmental parsimony. The budget must be kept balanced. The cost of government should never exceed the obvious capacity of the people to pay."

The party pledged its support to the educational system of the state, and called for further progress.

Following the dictates of Mr. Cherry in his convention talk, the platform said that "secondary roads in the state should have preferential attention. They are vital to the economic and social and educational life of the state. They will receive preferential attention."

New York Cotton

New York, May 2.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five cents a bale higher to 60 lower.

No. 1 prices were 55 to 90 cents a bale lower. May 27, 29, July 27, 30, October 27, 33.

Keynoter

Rep. R. L. Doughton Told the State Democratic Convention Today That "It is my hope and belief that further substantial reductions can and should be made in the cost of Federal government."

The veteran North Carolina legislator, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said that such reductions can be effected "by abolishing functions rightfully belonging to the several states, and by turning a deaf ear to the special groups who flock to Washington for financial assistance for non-essential purposes."

While taxes must remain "for a considerable time at a higher level than they were prior to the war, we must see to it that reductions are made just as rapidly as feasible. Last year, shortly after the war's end, we were able to remove twelve million low-income Americans from the Federal tax rolls, and to reduce rates on all individuals. Congress also reduced taxes on corporations to stimulate increased employment and to help business and industry expand and reconvert for full peacetime production."

Debt Being Paid Off.

Doughton, who recently suffered a severe cold that might have prevented his delivering the address, said that "I am gratified to report to you that the treasury now finds itself able to begin paying off debt. Since January 1, 1946, it has retired some four billions of maturing obligations."

Despite complaints about extravagances "made necessary by our successful fights against depression within and total war beyond our boundaries — some of which is undoubtedly justified — the American dollar remains the strongest piece of money in all the world — a solid rock of strength in a sea of monetary confusion," Doughton said.

For the most part, Doughton's address dealt with the history of the Democratic party in the state and nation, in which he heaped praise, and a criticism of the policies of the Republican party.

Nothing Had Been Done.

In these days of sound banks, good wages and prosperous farms, he said, many may fail to recollect the condition of the nation when the Democratic party took over in 1933. During the years of the Hoover administration, he said, "the nation had been rushing toward utter ruin. Millions were facing starvation but nothing had been done by the Federal government in response to the plea of humanity."

The truth is, the nation's economy was on its last legs back in 1933. And nowhere in the Republican party was there the imagination or the leadership to start the wheels of industry and keep them going."

President Roosevelt, Doughton said, quickly drove fear from the minds of the American people. "Legislation was enacted which vested the work of man with a new dignity and security — the legal right to bargain collectively, the Wagner Act, the Minimum Wage Law, the Railroad Retirement Act, the Social Security Act — all of these acts, and many others, required courage and vision."

"I ask you, when will any party — Democratic or Republican — ever write one of these laws off the books?"

Balanced 1947 Budget.

While the cost of war and revival of America's economy necessitated vast expenditures, "the administration and the Congress are so confident of the future that they are able to balance the 1947 budget."

Interest In Convention Is Localized This Year

By LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, May 2.—There was no lack of activity among early arrivals for state Democratic convention, but it was much more localized than in the case where governors and United States senators are to be selected in the primary. While delegates were cordial enough in speaking to others from distant sections of the state, it was quite noticeable that confidential groups were made almost entirely of delegates from the same congressional district.

Congressional candidates themselves did not arrive until late Wednesday afternoon or early Thursday, but from noon Wednesday on the maneuvering was obvious.

Absence of any statewide contest made for less than usual interest in platform declarations and except for a few persons with evident axes to grind the platform was awaited without concern. While there was less attention to platform, incidents

Keynoter



REP. ROBERT DOUGHTON

Middle East Arab Strike Considered

Jerusalem, May 2.—(AP)—The Arab Higher Committee named an emergency committee today to study plans for a possible civil disobedience campaign by Arabs against the British-American committee's report on Palestine.

Arab countries were urged to unite in a protest strike.

Jamal Haseini, trustee of the higher committee, announced after a six hour session that the emergency committee would outline methods to "mobilize Palestine's youth to the national defense." A series of mass meetings, to be addressed by members of the committee, will be held beginning May 10, he said.

Envoys from the higher committee are planning to leave next week-end for all Arab capitals to enlist the support for Palestine Arab resistance to the Anglo-American resolution with the object of tying up the entire Middle East in a general strike, Haseini said.

U. S. DOESN'T PLAN ANY DIRECT ACTION.

Washington, May 2.—(AP)—The United States, shied away today from the prospect of direct intervention in Palestine, apparently counting on the United Nations to assume future responsibility for the troublesome Holy Land problem.

Although congressional opinion favored the proposed migration of 100,000 Jews there, it was plain the lawmakers were against this country's joining Britain in the thankless job of maintaining peace between Arab and Jew.

Barkley Tangles With Pickell At Hearings On OPA

Washington, May 2.—(AP)—Senator Barkley (D) of Kentucky challenged today a statement that a few inept men "have seized control of the destinies of America by seizure of control of prices" and want to perpetuate that control.

The statement was in a booklet entitled "The OPA Must Go," distributed to members of the Senate Banking Committee by Mark Pickell, of Naperville, Ill., secretary of the Corn Belt Livestock Feeders Association. Pickell told Barkley the booklet was issued by his organization and that he had written most of it.

Barkley said Pickell was "impugning the motives of honest men" and desired him to name a young man who had seized control of America and wants to perpetuate that control. Pickell named no one. He did say that Chester Bowles, economic stabilizer, wanted indefinite power for the government to control prices.

22 Race Horses, Perish In Blaze

Chicago, May 2.—(AP)—Twenty-two race horses perished early today in a fire which swept through a barn at the Arlington Park Race track in suburban Arlington Heights. A spokesman for the track estimated the horses, property of the Maine Chance Farm owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, were valued at \$500,000.

Mrs. Graham's six nominees for the Kentucky Derby were in Louisville for the Saturday classic.