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House Panel Gives Draft Extender OK

Committee's Vote Is Not Unanimous, Chairman Asserts

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—An objection by Rep. Sheridan (D) of Pennsylvania blocked immediate House action today on a step-by-step bill extending the draft law beyond July 1. Sheridan, a member of the Military Committee, objected to a request of Chairman May (D) of Kentucky for unanimous consent for immediate action on the measure, passed yesterday by the Senate. However, there was no objection to a later request for House consideration next Monday, two days before the present draft expires.

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—The House Military Affairs Committee today approved a Senate resolution extending the draft law until July 1.

Chairman May (D) of Kentucky told reporters the committee's action was not unanimous, indicating that the measure would face opposition on the House floor.

He said he would seek unanimous consent of the House for its immediate consideration. A single objection, however, could block House action.

Fate Still Uncertain.

The measure, an obvious expedient designed to give Congress more legislative elbow room, leaves the ultimate fate of selective service still best with uncertainties.

Passed quickly and without opposition yesterday by the Senate in a hurried effort to prevent the draft from expiring at midnight next Wednesday, the extender bill was introduced for a quick House vote today, provided the military committee gives it clearance.

Eisenhower, MacArthur Meet Again

Tokyo, May 10.—(AP)—The top commanders of victorious Allied armies in Europe and the Pacific met today for the first time since hostilities began.

"We never thought we'd be getting together again out here," exclaimed General Dwight Eisenhower, whose leadership brought victory in Europe to General Douglas MacArthur, supreme commander in the Pacific.

They had not met since 1939, when Eisenhower as a lieutenant colonel left the staff of MacArthur, then commander in the Philippines.

"Well, Mac, how are you?" were the chief of staff's first words as he grasped MacArthur's hand.

"It's good to see you again," MacArthur said as he slapped Eisenhower on the shoulder.

After a quick word with Lt. Gen. Robert Eichelberger, 33d army commander, who accompanied MacArthur to Atsugi air port, the two top commanders departed for lunch at the American Embassy.

Committee Plans Investigation Of Devers' Statement

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—Chairman May (D) of Kentucky announced today the House Military Committee will "investigate immediately" a report, since denied, that General Jacob L. Devers referred to Congress as a group of "cowards."

In a statement, Devers said "I did not use the word cowards."

May told the House that Devers, army ground force commander, will be called before the committee Tuesday to explain the statement attributed to him. He added that the War Department also will be asked for an explanation.

May's announcement came after several members had assailed Devers. They said they based their criticism on a news story in which Devers was quoted as referring to Congress as a group of "cowards, afraid to tackle the controversial draft bill."

Futures Margin Suit Dismissed

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—Saying it lacked jurisdiction, the Federal District Court today dismissed a suit to void a Government requirement for trading in cotton futures.

"This court is without jurisdiction to pass on the validity or invalidity of the regulation involved in this suit," said Justice Jennings Bailey in a memorandum accompanying the dismissal action.

Bailey asserted "the case is a matter solely within the jurisdiction" of the Emergency Court of Appeals, a special court set up under the Price Control Act to hear exclusively complaints against OPA regulations.

Hicwas Thankful



AFTER THEY HEARD that President Truman had commuted the death sentence of their son, Joe, Joseph Hicwas, Jr., to 30 years imprisonment, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hicwas of Wallington, N. J., went to their church to offer prayers of thanksgiving. Here Joseph Hicwas lights the candles while his wife—rosary in hand—prays. (International)

Cabinet Cuts The Powers Of Umberto

King Abdicates, Sails For Egypt; Election Slated

Rome, May 10.—(AP)—The Italian cabinet approved today the assumption of the throne by Crown Prince Umberto, but specified his powers would extend only until June 2. On that date, the Italian people will decide whether to extend the monarchy.

The ministers decided Umberto could sign decrees, "Umberto II, King of Italy" but not use the phrase traditionally following the signature, "By Grace of God and Will of People."

Umbert's father, Vittorio Emanuele III, abdicated last night after a 45-year reign and sailed for Egypt.

Meanwhile, Greece was prepared to settle the dispute of her king, George II, Premier Tsaldaris announced that Greeks would vote on the question as soon as electoral lists are revised. Previously the Greek government had not planned to hold a referendum until 1948, but the populist party came into power in recent elections. Recent announcement from Athens said the British and United States governments had agreed to the holding of an earlier plebiscite.

New York Cotton

New York, May 10.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 5 to 30 cents a bale higher.

Table with columns: Month, Price, Open, Close. Rows include May, July, Oct., Dec., Mar., May (1947).

BOULTIER NOMINATED FOR ALIBI AWARD

New York, May 10.—(AP)—Today's nomination for the most original alibi was the explanation offered by John Boulter, 27, for carrying a pistol on a half dozen bullets.

"I've been reading about the crime wave while... was in Sing Sing," he said. "A fellow needs protection."

Boulter, recently paroled after serving four years for attempted burglary, was held without bail for the grand jury.

CREDIT FOR POLAND IS BEING HELD UP

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—The State Department held up \$20,000,000 in credit for the Polish Government today while reviewing whether the Poles have failed to meet United States conditions. The department would say officially only that the credit had not been called.

However, diplomatic officials disclosed the question had been raised whether Warsaw has met these conditions:

- 1. To guarantee free elections.
2. To inform the Polish people of the loan agreement.
3. To exchange with the U. S. full information on treaties and agreements each nation makes with other governments.

IRREGULAR TURN TAKEN BY STOCKS

New York, May 10.—(AP)—Stocks turned irregularly higher in today's market after considerable forenoon hesitancy.

LEWIS PROPOSES 12-DAY TRUCE

Senate Considers Strike Legislation

Toned-Down Case Strike Bill Revived

Chamber Opens Way For Speedy Action; Tempers Mounting

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—The Senate, tense over mushrooming consequences of the coal strike, got set today to drop everything else by mid-afternoon and begin writing a new labor disputes law.

For its framework, members hauled out of the unfinished business calendar their labor committee's toned-down version of the Case strike control bill passed weeks ago by the House.

But that mild measure obviously was going to be only the beginning, for a dozen amendments—most with heavy backing—were headed for the floor.

Pass Draft Extender.

To clear the way for the labor bill, the hard pressed Senate passed a six-week draft extension resolution in a matter of minutes yesterday, then worked until almost midnight in a futile effort to dispose of the long debated \$3,750,000,000 British loan.

While a vote on final passage failed to come, the chamber did agree to hold at 3 p. m. on the labor proposal and then turn immediately to the subject of strike control.

Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky reluctantly acceded to the chamber's procedure. It was evident by mid-afternoon that the members were in no mood to be denied a hand in efforts to bring the coal strike to an end and to prevent future work stoppages from interfering with the public welfare.

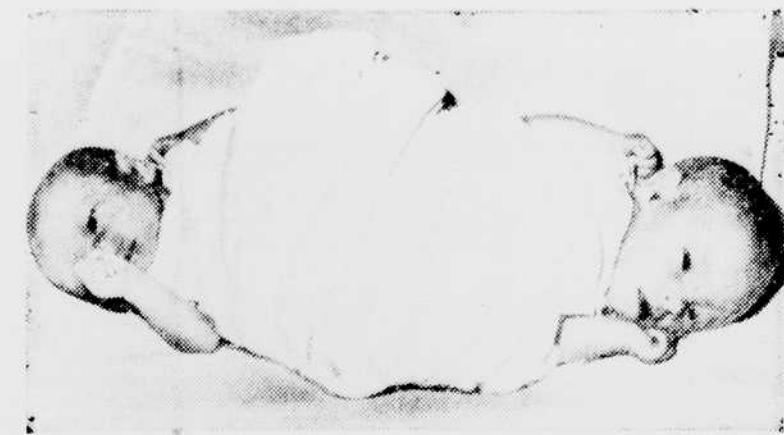
Lucas Offers Amendment.

Senator Lucas (D) of Illinois, himself a sponsor of one far-reaching amendment, took note of the Senate's attitude when he told reporters: "As the result of the obstinacy of John L. Lewis—the greatest resister of them all—labor stands to lose all it has gained in the past 12 or 14 years."

"I hope that doesn't happen, but the Senate is in a mood, in view of the mounting tie-ups of the national economy, to vote any kind of labor legislation."

Lucas contended his own plan would not seriously affect the basic rights of labor. Under his proposal, the President upon determining that a work stoppage was seriously impairing the public interest would proclaim and call upon the parties to the dispute to resume work. If they did not do so, the President could seize the property, under the terms and conditions which prevailed before the stoppage.

SIAMESE TWINS BORN IN OREGON



SIAMESE TWIN GIRLS, joined near the base of their spines, were born to Mrs. Mary Hulse, 28, of Deep River, Wash., at the Portland, Ore., General Hospital. The combined weight of the girls at birth was 9 pounds, 4 ozs. The father, Edward Hulse, is a logger. (International Soundphoto)

Confederate Flag Waves At Capitol

Raleigh, May 10.—(AP)—The flag of the Confederacy waved over the North Carolina State Capitol today as state offices for the first time since 1941 an official holiday to observe Confederate Memorial Day.

Since 1866 a day has been set aside to honor Confederate veterans. In years past, when they were many still living, the day was full of excitement, parades, marches, picnics, speeches and rifle drills.

But time has brought its changes, for North Carolina has only 12 remaining veterans, and they are old, unable to participate in the fun and merry-making that once characterized their Memorial Day. Thus the State today celebrated simply and quietly.

Government Hopes For OPA Soaring

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—Administration hopes for the OPA soaring today after the House revealed itself to vote \$499,000,000 in subsidies for President Truman's emergency home building program.

The tally was 187 to 158.

Last month, the chamber turned down the premium payments, 181 to 92.

Democratic leaders attributed the change to the ten day Easter recess which gave many members their first chance in months to find out at home how their constituents are thinking.

Speaking privately for the most part, these leaders voiced confidence the House also would about-face on price control extension which the House last month hammered down to a point where OPA Chief Paul Porter said the agency would be without power after June 30.

Local Union Leaders Told Of Proposal

UMW Chief Blasts 'Greedy' Operators; Conference Slated

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—John L. Lewis today called for a 12-day truce in the soft coal strike, beginning Monday.

Lewis wired every local union president urging him to arrange for the 400,000 striking United Mine Workers to get back on the job as soon as the local mine management agreed to make retroactive during the truce any pay increase late.

"This action is a contribution of the United Mine Workers of America to our nation's economy," Lewis telegraphed the locals, "which is being imperiled by the stupidity and selfish greed of the coal operators and associated financials and by demagogues who have tried to lash the public mind into a state of hysteria rather than grant justice and fair treatment to the men who mine the nation's coal."

Detroit Newspaper Claims Settlement Terms Agreed To

Detroit, May 10.—(AP)—The Detroit News said today in a copyrighted story from its Washington bureau that President Truman has proposed a coal strike settlement on the basis of an 18 1/2-cent hourly wage increase and an operator-financed "health and welfare fund."

Reconversion Director John Snyder said, according to the newspaper, that payments to the fund by the operators will be regarded by OPA as legitimate cost of business, in considering applications for a price increase in coal.

Snyder indicated the full weight of White House influence will be thrown behind this formula, the News said.

effect at 12:30 a. m. today, the 7-companing 23-per cent reduction in passenger service on coal burning lines and the order for rationing of illuminating gas by utilities with depleted fuel supplies.

There was the threat too, that strike-born shortages in tin plate would cripple canneries with a resultant spoilage of needed food.

And Small, who foresaw that danger, declared still further controls "comparable to those required during the war" probably will be required.

As the crisis deepened, paramount interest centered on what plan Mr. Truman might produce for ending the stalemate. Speculation fixed on two major possibilities:

May Hold Conference.

1. A White House conference of Lewis and the operators—separately or jointly.

2. Government seizure of the mines with Lewis agreeing to urge the strikers back to their pits while the Government helped work out a contract within a specified period of time, perhaps 30 days.

The latter procedure was followed by President Roosevelt in 1933, and former Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes, as Solid Fuels Administrator, finally signed a contract with Lewis providing for underground travel time—the major issue for which the miners had struck, but it took many months.

Lewis gave no indication that he might agree to such a proposal this time.

Trains Eliminated In Two Carolinas

(By The Associated Press)

Many rail passenger schedules were eliminated in the two Carolinas today and industry generally began retooling to conserve coal.

F. S. Lewis, secretary of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association and textile designers, which were already on a three-day schedule expected to close in the next several days.

Most of the other textile plants, he said, expected to close within two or three weeks.

He estimated that 600,000 persons would be thrown out of work if the entire textile industry in the South should cease operations.

BULLETIN

SENATE PASSES LOAN.

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—The Senate passed and sent to the House today legislation authorizing a \$3,750,000,000 loan to Britain. The vote was 46 to 31.

Electrical Workers Asked To Vote On New Contract

Pittsburgh, May 10.—(AP)—Twenty-three CIO United Electrical Workers locals in a dozen states today were asked to meet "not later than Sunday" to ratify a contract that would end the 115-day-old walkout of 78,000 Westinghouse Electrical Corp. production workers.

The proposed new contract, agreed on yesterday by union-management negotiations, provides an 18-cent-an-hour wage increase. The electrical workers originally sought a \$2 a day boost, then reduced their demand to 8 1/2 cents hourly on the basis of the steel settlement at that figure.

Other provisions: 1. Company to set up a fund of one cent on hourly employee to be used to narrow differentials between men's and women's wage rates. 2. Fluctuating bonus discontinued; pay workers to get a fixed bonus representing 42 to 75 per cent of bonus paid in December, 1945. 3. Lamp division incentive system changed to provide equitable standards for workers and give them general wage boost.

The company and union also agreed that any employee who wishes to withdraw from the union may do so between March 24 and March 31 of each year without loss of employment status.

Scots Gather At Flora MacDonald College



Scottish R's really rolled as William K. MacDonald (1 ft), member of the famous Kiltie band of York, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Meikle of Roanoke Rap is, N. C., got together at the 50th anniversary celebration of Flora MacDonald college in Red Springs, N. C., May 7. Meikle, a mill executive, is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and his wife is from Wishaw, Lanarkshire, Scotland. (AP Photo).