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Truman To Tell Decision On Case Bill To Congress

Ross Declines To Reveal What Will Be Fate Of Bill

Washington, June 8.—(AP)—The White House and today President Truman will make known his position in the case before congress, but in a message to Congress "whether or not he signs the bill."

Press Secretary Charles Ross declined today to say what the President's views are at this time.

Ross, described as "cockeyed" Capitol Hill reports that the President was preparing alternative messages, one in the event he makes up his mind to sign and the other providing he wants to veto the legislation.

Mr. Truman stuck to his desk today instead of taking a cruise as has been his custom on week-ends. Ross said the case bill was primarily responsible for his staying on the job.

The deadline for action on the bill by Mr. Truman ends at midnight Wednesday. Ross said there would be no action today. Before Ross met the press, key members of Congress had predicted a presidential message would accompany the decision on the case bill.

Truman Congratulates Nominees



Using a double handshake, President Truman (left) and Director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconstruction John M. Snyder (right) at the White House. He had just nominated the former for the post of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the latter to succeed Vinson in the Treasury Department. (International Soundphoto)

Army Agents Close In On Jewel Gang

Two More Suspects Are Hunted Down; Some Loot Recovered

Washington, June 8.—(AP)—Army investigators announced today that "practically all" the jewels valued at \$7,000,000 taken from Froelich's Castle in Germany, have now been recovered.

The jewels, not previously reported, were located shortly after 8:30 p. m. last night in a box at the Hiroo Central railway station in Chicago. They had been removed from their settings. They were found after interrogation of Col. Jack W. Durant, who with his wife is held in connection with removal of the jewels from the castle.

Hotel Men Take Jury Oath Over Fire Victims



Over the bodies of some of the victims of the fire at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, members of the coroner's jury are sworn in at the Cook County Morgue. They are (l. to r.): James Whitlam, coroner; Brodie, Robert Koch, Leonard Hicks, Sheldon Clark, Willard Dewey, Warren Cook, A. M. Baltzer, R. Van Kemper, Paul Lunquist, and C. E. Dore. Some of the members of the jury are managers of the city's leading hotels and their knowledge covers a wide range of vital information needed to complete the probe into the disaster which took fifty-nine lives and injured hundreds. (International Soundphoto)

Millions In London For 'V' Celebration

Nine-Mile Long Parade Of War Might Held In Capital; Fighters Honored

FORESTERS TO HOLD MEETING AT DUKE

Durham, June 8.—Foresters from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia will attend a summer meeting of the Appalachian Section of the Society of American Foresters in Durham on June 14 and 15. The School of Forestry of Duke University will be held at this meeting and it is estimated that 125 to 150 foresters will be in attendance.

Members will register at the Duke West campus from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Friday the 14th. The program provides for a field trip through the Duke Forest Friday afternoon, a dinner followed by a bus tour meeting Friday night in the forest, and group meetings featuring work in the several fields of forestry Saturday morning. The Friday afternoon field trip is arranged to show the various types of forestry, various forestry activities being conducted in the Duke Forest.

The Saturday morning group sessions will permit those with special interests to attend and part take in discussions confined largely to specific fields of forestry.

London, June 8.—(AP)—The normal life of London came to a virtual standstill for nearly five hours today as millions of persons cheered a nine-mile long parade of war veterans representing "the British empire and most of its allies."

The victory day observance was organized primarily to pay tribute to the participation of every Dominion and colony and to honor the battle brotherhood of the United Nations. The parade reached the peak of its form along the famous Mall before Buckingham Palace. There the Royal family, cabinet and parliamentary statesmen and other dignitaries took the salute.

Men and women of some 20 lands marched or rode past in war vehicles. At the conclusion, 300 RAF planes swept low while the crowd yelled.

The parade, leading off a victory celebration which will continue until long past midnight, presented impressively the story of manpower and weapons that defeated the axis.

Hours before dawn, crowds jockeyed for a foothold along the route of a nine-mile double procession of marchers and military band might led by the Royal family, Prime Minister Attlee, Winston Churchill and other notables.

Many slept at their points of observation along the curb stones. Queens, former late yesterday for all-night vigils in such converted stretches as the famous Mall along St. James Park, where the Royal family took the salute of the parade.

Reds Claim Jap Troops Aiding China

Moscow, June 8.—(AP)—A Tass dispatch from Shanghai, dated June 4, said today it had been learned from reliable sources that the Chinese government was using armed Japanese units to fight Communist troops.

The dispatch also said that former Japanese agents were working for the Chinese secret police and Chinese intelligence services. It was reported also that "some officials of the Japanese secret police serve various American agencies in China."

Tass said more than 4,000 armed Japanese troops were reported operating under their own officers but under Chinese over-all command, near Tsinchow and 10,000 others around Taiyuan.

GOVERNMENT ARMIES REPORTED HALTED

Nanking, June 8.—(AP)—Government armies in Manchuria were reported to have halted today under an uneasy armistice, but in Mukden the government commander said he expected to complete the occupation of that city war battleground after conclusion of the present 15-day truce.

Upon the truce, which went into effect yesterday noon, distressing China hinted her hopes for an ultimate end of the international conflict between the government and Communists.

Police reported the biggest crowd in Whitehall, around Buckingham Palace and on the edge of Hyde Park. All were quiet and very orderly. During the night camp fires glowed in the darkness; some brewed tea on portable stoves; tents were pitched. As in blackout days, strangers slept huddled close together and were stepped on occasionally.

Was Washington Lawyer

In breaking the case, the War Department announced late yesterday it was holding attractive Capt. Kathleen B. Nash Durant, 34, of Hudson, Wis., and her husband, Col. J. W. Durant, 39, a Washington lawyer before he went on active duty in the air force. Mrs. Durant was a resort hotel executive in Phoenix, Ariz., in pre-war days.

The recently married couple were taken into custody in Chicago's LaSalle Hotel early Monday—little more than 48 hours before the disastrous fire which claimed 59 lives.

Some Loot Recovered.

Col. A. C. Miller, representing the provost marshal general, said the arrests already had led to the recovery of 25 to 50 per cent of the so-called looted Hessian treasure—diamond necklaces, magnificent bracelets, necklaces, rings set with precious stones, and other costly heirlooms.

The War Department reported the colonel and his wife were flown here this morning. The plane landed at the army's Bolling field and they were taken by Col. Miller to what the department called "an unannounced destination."

The recovered gems, Col. Miller said, represented the WAC captain's portion. Her husband, he added, knew the whereabouts of the rest but "we do not have the jewels the colonel admitted having yet."

Big Boss of KKK Denies His Group Killed Cab Driver

Atlanta, June 8.—(AP)—A long time Klu Klux Klan leader laid a fatal stab wound on a Negro taxicab driver today but Grand Dragon Samuel Green disclaimed the connection.

"I'm not surprised," said Green "I wouldn't be surprised even to see them blame the LaSalle Hotel fire in Chicago on us."

Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke said his undercover agents who infiltrated the Klan reported that members of an inner "strong arm" group openly boasted of killing and flogging a Negro taxicab driver.

Duke, who prosecuted a series of flogging cases in 1940 in East Point, an Atlanta suburb, that led to the conviction of nine members of the KKK, heads a current state inquiry into Klan activities.

The investigation was started by Gov. Ellis Arnall, who ordered the state legal department to start legal proceedings to try to revoke the Klan's charter.

Ship Operators, C.I.O. Union Leaders Resume Negotiations

PLAYS IN SHADOW OF DEATH



NOT REALIZING THAT DEATH is but a matter of weeks, Donald Eisenstadt, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Eisenstadt, Brooklyn, N. Y., plays with a toy telephone and wonders why he is getting all the extra attention. The child is afflicted with Leukemia, and physicians have given him at the most only a few more short weeks to live. (International)

National Maritime Union Is Pressing Plans For Tie-Up

Washington, June 8.—(AP)—Government negotiators in the threatened maritime strike have submitted a plan to ship operators to reach an agreement on the union's demand for a 50-hour work week. With only seven days left before the June 15 strike deadline, both ship operators and the union are making an all-out effort to reach an agreement by Tuesday.

The start of the deadline week also brought the National Maritime Union (N.M.U.) and its National Maritime Union (N.M.U.) press campaign in preparation for the June 15 work stoppage. The union's official press campaign, it is estimated, will involve 100,000 leaflets, 100,000 demonstrations, and 100,000 pickets.

The union is demanding a 41-hour week of sea. Presumably "compensatory time off" would mean that seamen would work more than 44 hours on voyages and would get equivalent time off with pay when they get back to port.

Though the case of the National Maritime Union applies only to Atlantic and Gulf seamen, it is important to the west coast too, because any agreement reached is expected to be used as a starting point for dickering between Pacific ship operators and other unions of seafaring men connected with the Committee for Maritime Unity.

Complex Controversy

Several unions—CIO, AFL, and Independent—have issues involved in the complex maritime labor controversy but the bulk of the whole dispute remains the National Maritime Union's demand that seamen ship operators reduce the traditional 50-hour work week for seamen on voyages.

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Army Newspaper's 22 Staff Members In Manila Ousted

Manila, June 8.—(AP)—Twenty-two staff members of the Daily Pacifican, army newspaper, were ousted today and assigned to line duty after they charged they were censored in handling news.

The development drew these contrasting viewpoints:

Maj. Gen. J. D. Christianson, deputy commander of the army forces, western Pacific, said the ousted staff members, by their statements, made it evident they could not accomplish their mission prescribed by the War Department.

Lt. George Cornell, Oklahoma City, officer who was in charge of the newspaper said "this is the beginning of the end of honest army journalism."

Lieutenant Cornell said the 22 were assigned to the 8th division. The ousted men appealed for a congressional investigation. When they reported for duty this morning they were told to return to their barracks and await orders.

Minters Are Given 18 Cent Increase OFFICERS ARE NAMED BY DUKE BAR GROUP

Durham, June 8.—Thomas Lloyd, of Cambridge, O., was elected president of the re-organized Duke Bar Association recently at the annual meeting of the student body of the Duke University School of Law.

Robert F. Murray of Lenoir was named vice-president of the student association; Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton, secretary; and Horace C. Smith, Gray Court, S. C., treasurer. Named to head the two permanent committees of the society were Willie Smith, Jr., Raleigh, as chairman of the professional committee and C. V. Woods, Winston-Salem, as chairman of the social committee.

New York, June 8.—(AP)—Pennsylvania's 75,000 hard coal miners will return to work in the anthracite pits Monday under a new contract providing for an 18 1/2-cent an hour wage increase and a \$2,700,000 health and welfare fund.

Their week-old strike ended late yesterday with leaders of the anthracite operators and John L. Lewis, AFL's United Mine Workers agreeing on a new pact after nearly five weeks of negotiations.

The welfare fund—whose cost is based on last year's production of hard coal—will be financed by a five cents a ton royalty on all hard coal mined.

Folger - Chatham Campaign Is Beginning To Get Hot

Raleigh, June 8.—If the race already revealed in the fifth district contest between Thurmond Chatham and John Folger for Congress continues its acceleration ratio for the two weeks remaining before the second primary on June 22 it will set new records for mudslinging in North Carolina politics.

Charges of excessive use of money and ruthless disregard of the law of polling places during the first primary on May 25 were followed by accusations of duress and malfeasance on part of highway commissioners and county school superintendents. From the somewhat remote vantage point of Capitol Square there seems little difference in the attitude of the two factions.

Folger charges that Highway Commissioners George Kane and Raymond Smith had used undue pressure on highway employees and had promised "other citizens to haul off their farms if they would

vote for Chatham. Chatham, who followed by Chatham accusing J. W. Comer, school superintendent of Surry county, of discharging teachers because they voted for him.

Reports from some of the counties indicate the Folger group may re-organize their organization for the final two weeks and wage a more aggressive campaign for fewer votes. In some communities "dollar clubs" similar to those used in the Ralph McDonald campaign for governor in 1936 and to less extent in 1944 may be formed to aid in raising funds for the final effort. Advocates of the idea fear lack of time may render the plan ineffective, but they hope it will help some.

It is evident that respective fitness of the candidates will get even less attention in the second primary than in the first, with more emphasis upon appeal to prejudice. Outside observers are advised upon one thing at least: Prospective developments will not do the Democratic party any good and the situation will be one to which the state can hardly point with pride.

FAWNING OVER HER NEW BABY



JUST TO MAKE SURE that junior takes his first steps in the right direction, Mama Fawn hovers over her new offspring, which weighs two pounds, at New York's Central Park Zoo. They are Asiatic deer. (International)

Brutality Trial Witnesses Decide To Take Stand

Bad Nauheim, Germany, June 8.—(AP)—A strike by prosecution witnesses in the Lichfield brutality trials ended suddenly today, when 12 soldiers who previously refused to testify before courts martial volunteered to take the stand.

They said they would tell their stories of alleged cruelties suffered at the hands of guards while imprisoned in the United States army lockup at Lichfield, England.

The 11-day strike ended during the trial of L. Leonard Emswiler of New York on charges of mistreating prisoners.

YOUTH, 79-YEAR-OLD WOMAN MARRIED IN BRIEF CEREMONY

Louisville, Ky., June 8.—(AP)—Delbert (Shorty) Sprouse, 18, wearing a two-day growth of beard, and Mrs. Mattie Lyons Large, 79, were married by County Judge J. F. Wellman in the Lawrence county courthouse this morning.

Although the couple appeared unexpectedly from their homes in isolated Gladys, 15 miles west of here, more than 100 persons crowded the small courtroom and hallway to witness the brief ceremony.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Clear to partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Sunday.