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Senate Approves Plan To Increase Old-Age Pensions

Connally Amendment Providing for Two-for-One Formula Passed—43 to 35; Less Wealthy States Will Receive Benefit

Washington, July 12.—Responding to a plea for larger federal contributions to enable the less wealthy states to provide a more adequate pension, the Senate this afternoon, by a vote of 43 to 35, wrote into the social security bill the Connally amendment providing a two-for-one matching formula on old age assistance payments up to \$15.

The amendment, which was adopted after spirited debate, had the support of 38 Democrats, three Republicans, one Progressive and one Farm-Laborite. It was opposed by 16 Democrats, 18 Republicans and one Independent.

Only three Southern Senators, Byrd and Glass of Virginia, and Bailey of North Carolina, were recorded against the amendment. Senator Bailey was absent and did not vote, but had a live pair in opposition to the amendment.

While the new formula applies to all the states, the old people in need in Southern states will benefit most from the change because pensions there are much below a subsistence level. In North Carolina the average pension is now \$9.36. Under the Connally amendment the average will be raised to \$14.04 without the state putting up any additional money.

With pensions above \$15, the dollar-for-dollar formula will apply. The amendment, accepted a proviso offered by Senator Joe O'Mahoney, Wyoming Democrat, which prohibits any state from receiving if it reduces the average amount of pension it is now paying.

The Senate is expected to pass the social security amendments bill tomorrow and the measure will go to conference where the Connally amendment will be in dispute. Chairman Robert L. Doughton of the ways and means committee will head the House conferees, and his attitude toward the two for one matching amendment may determine the action of the conference.

The North Carolina House member this afternoon declined to comment on the Senate action in adopting the Connally amendment and would not express his own personal view toward the change. At one time he indicated he would support a two-for-one matching formula up to \$15 in order to liberalize pension payments in the poorer states.

A proposal similar to the Connally amendment failed of adoption by the ways and means committee when it was considering the social security changes by a single vote margin.

40th Anniversary at Methodist Orphanage

Roosevelt Picks New Assistants

Three of Six Clerks Authorized Under Reorganization Program Appointed

Washington, July 12.—President Roosevelt today named three of the six White House assistants authorized under the government reorganization bill, raising the number of men in his secretariat to nine.

The appointees, men whom Mr. Roosevelt said must have a "passion for anonymity," are Lauchlin Currie of Maryland, Federal Reserve Board economist; William H. McReynolds of Michigan, chief clerk of the Treasury Department, and James H. Rowe, Jr., of Montana, assistant to White House Secretary Edwin M. Watson.

Each, with the exception of McReynolds, will receive \$10,000 annually and will serve at the pleasure of the President, since the appointments do not require Senate confirmation. McReynolds is under civil service and will retain that status so as to protect his retirement privileges.

Other members of the secretariat in addition to Watson are Stephen T. Early, the President's press relations liaison, and Marvin T. McIntyre who is detached temporarily because of illness.

The White House did not indicate when Mr. Roosevelt will name the remaining three secretaries. In originally proposing the positions to Congress he stressed that the burden of official duties falling upon the executive was so complex that it was impossible for him to maintain adequate contact with the legislative agencies.

Makes Statement Regarding R. E. A.

Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace today issued the following statement:

The transfer of the Rural Electrification Administration to the Department of Agriculture effective on July 1st, is a step of the utmost significance both for the Department and for the Federal rural electrification program. It holds promise of widening the usefulness of electric service for farmers.

The idea that the farmers of this country are entitled to rural electrification now has wide acceptance. In the four years since REA was set up, an activity which had been allowed to stagnate for years, partly through lack of leadership, has become a living, growing thing. Electric service has been made available through efforts of Government and by the utilities, to more farm people than in the three decades since rural electrification had its beginnings in the United States early in the century.

The resources of this Department will be thrown behind the REA program in order to further rural electrification and, with aid in part through rural electrification, the other farm programs.

Farmers have discovered that electric service can be brought within reach and they are determined to get it. It is my intention to preserve the gains that have been made and to do everything I can to insure that Federal rural electrification goes forward with the same vigor as under the leadership of Mr. Carmody and the staff of the REA.

As an administration within the Department of Agriculture, REA will continue to make loans for self-liquidating rural electrification projects designed to bring urban advantages to farm homes, to lighten the burden of farm drudgery, and to provide the farmer with new opportunities for efficient and economical production. We will take electric service to all the farms we can.

Russians Warn Japanese About 'Playing With Fire'

Five Reasons Given As To Why Japanese were Attacking Now.

Moscow.—Outspoken warnings to Japanese that they were playing with fire in the Outer-Mongolian undeclared war were published by Soviet newspapers Tuesday as the Mongolian People's Republic celebrated the 15th anniversary of its founding.

Chamber Commerce In Annual Meeting; Elect New Officers

T. E. Joyner, Sr., Heads Organization As President Coming Year.

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association was held Tuesday night at eight o'clock in the City Hall with a goodly number of the membership present.

The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing reports from the president, secretary and treasurer as to the work accomplished during the past year of operation, and for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.

The President in his remarks emphasized the fact that we had not accomplished all that we had hoped to during the first year, but we had at least found our way around and felt sure that our second year would bring forth better results in many ways.

The Secretary in his report showed that we had a membership of sixty-five, and all in good standing. He also stated that while the Trade and Credit report work had been somewhat disappointing in volume for the first year, it did indicate that most of our people are trading at home on a credit basis and not seeking credit from out-of-town firms.

His report also showed that the organization had spent several hundred dollars in advertising the advantages which Farmville has to offer from every point of view.

The Treasurer in his report showed the financial status of the organization to be in a healthy state, with a balance on hand in the amount of \$116.47.

Short talks were made by every one present manifesting their interest in the organization and pledging their cooperation for the ensuing year.

The President appointed the following as a nominating committee to elect a board of directors for the ensuing year: J. I. Morgan, Jr., R. LeRoy Rollins and T. E. Joyner, Jr.; and this committee presented to the meeting the following names who were unanimously elected: Geo. W. Davis, Marvin Lindsay, T. E. Joyner, John B. Lewis, S. A. Garris, L. E. Walston, W. R. Willis, R. O. Lang, Frank Williams, Hal Winders and J. O. Pollard.

The Board of Directors met Thursday afternoon and elected the following as officers:

T. E. Joyner, president; Marvin Lindsay, vice-president; Wesley R. Willis, acting secretary, and S. A. Garris, treasurer.

Wallace Considers Crop Status

Big Job Ahead In Solving From '39 Crops.

Washington.—The largest tobacco crop on record and a corn crop far above normal threatened Tuesday to shoulder Secretary Wallace with new surplus problems as he embarked on a \$928,000,000 program designed to help solve old ones.

A forecast by the federal crop reporting board raised the possibility of unmarketable supplies of corn and tobacco.

A record surplus of 14,350,000 bales of cotton has been Wallace's biggest worry for months. Also of concern have been large supplies of wheat, rice, dairy products and fruits.

On his recommendation, Congress voted an unprecedented sum of \$203,000,000 to finance the disposal of a portion of these surpluses. Some of the money will be used to distribute commodities among the nation's relief families. The remainder will be used to offset losses in selling some of the products to foreign buyers at cut-rate prices.

The remaining \$725,000,000 will be divided among farmers who curtail their planting operations.

Unrest Growing In Spanish Area

Say Open Clashes Between Monarchists and Fascists Becoming Frequent

Bourg-Madame, France (at the Spanish Frontier), July 11.—Refugees escaping into France along smuggler's trails brought unconfirmed reports tonight of increasing internal unrest in Spain.

These refugees, mostly Leftist enemies of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's regime, declared open clashes between Carlists (Monarchists) and Falangists (Fascists) had broken out in Andalusia and Catalonia. Reporting in recent weeks told of growing rivalry between those groups, both supporters of Franco in the civil war.

The refugees' stories could not be confirmed either through independent or Spanish nationalist sources. (Dispatches direct from Madrid and Barcelona made no reference to any friction.)

Telephoned advices from Zaragoza to Madrid said that "complete normalcy" prevailed at Zaragoza. Official sources said nothing unusual had occurred at Bilbao or Santander on the Bay of Biscay coast.

Dispatches from Hendaye, France, several days ago told of similar clashes between Royalists and Spanish Fascist frictions in Navarre and Guipuzcoa province in which, they said, at least one man was killed.

The leftist refugees who crossed the border despite a heavy Nationalist guard, said strong police measures had been taken before the arrival in Spain Monday of Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano but that they had failed to stop the clashes.

Tension was such, they said, that a nation-wide conflict of the red-bettered Carlists against the blue-shirted Falangists was quite possible.

Besides these Leftist stories of dissension among Franco's followers were other reports, also from opponents of the nationalist regime, that republican sympathizers were turning on their conquerors with sabotage and night attacks.

Bodies of four civil guards were reported found at Mataro, near Barcelona, while many were said to have been killed in fighting inside Barcelona.

At Hendaye, rumors were heard that Spanish Nationalist police had rounded up all those "suspected of Leftist tendencies" in Irun and San Sebastian, close to the French frontier. Hundreds were said to be under "preventive arrest."

This was said to have been in preparation for visits to the border zone by Franco tonight and by Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano tomorrow.

Large Leaf Crop Forecast For N. C.

Estimate Near 2 Million Pound Increase In Tobacco Crop Over 1938

A North Carolina tobacco crop of 701,070,000 pounds for 1939 as compared with 516,850,000 pounds last year has been forecast by the United States Agriculture Department with five-cured cigarette leaf accounting for the bulk of the increase over previous years.

Estimates based on July 1 conditions, was for a record crop of 1,654,620,000 pounds of tobacco over the nation on an acreage of 1,802,500 acres compared with a total harvest of 1,378,524,000 pounds last year on 1,602,800 acres, and a 10-year average from 1928-1937 of 1,360,400,000 pounds.

The average yield per acre was indicated at 918 pounds this year compared with 850.1 pounds last year.

Estimates by bolls. Five-cured estimates by bolls gave Virginia 38,936,000 pounds compared with production of 71,240,000 in 1938. Old North Carolina, 240,000,000 compared with 195,570,000; Eastern North Carolina, 885,000,000 compared with 851,880,000; North Carolina and South Carolina border markets, 209,355,000 pounds compared with 199,720,000; Georgia, 58,000,000 pounds compared with 69,610,000; Florida, 19,085,000 pounds compared with 15,992,000; and Alabama, 320,000 pounds compared with 249,000.

British Fearful of New Trouble on China Coast

Send Warships to Points on China Coast; Anglo-Japanese Tension Grows

Shanghai, July 12.—British warships sped toward trouble points along the China coast tonight in anticipation of new incidents in the series which have created serious British-Japanese tension.

The 1,875-ton destroyer Diamond was en route to Taingtao, where British officials professed to fear further demonstrations like that of Monday in which the British consulate and British Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building were stoned and damaged.

Britons said the demonstration, by men in Chinese garb, was Japanese-inspired. The consul protested to the Japanese authorities, who have been masters of Taingtao, chief Shantung province port, since its capture January 10, 1938.

Today British consular officials notified Japanese authorities that they had information that similar demonstrations were being prepared for Friday and Saturday and asked for Japanese military protection. The notification said the Japanese would be "held responsible for any damages."

The British took similar precautions before Monday's attack, but Japanese military patrols watched the march on the consulate and made no move to intervene.

British officials notified their Nationals to avoid Taingtao, one of China's most popular summer resorts.

The 990-ton escort vessel Lowestoft, which hurried to Taingtao after Monday's demonstrations, left for an undisclosed destination.

The 1,045-ton escort vessel Sandwich was due tomorrow at Tientsin, where the Japanese army's blockade of the British and French concession, marked by rising bitterness and renewed stripping of Britons at the barriers, entered its fifth week.

Britain and Japan have agreed to seek a settlement of their Tientsin dispute at a conference in Tokyo, but its opening has been delayed. Japanese army spokesman in China said Japan have declared they had little hopes of a settlement, which they said must be based on British agreement to "cooperate" with Japan's program for establishment of "a new order in East Asia."

The difficulties of Britain's position was emphasized by Chinese dispatches from Chungking quoting H. H. Kung, the Chinese premier, as declaring "every concession or acquiescence Britain makes to Japan will be regarded by the Chinese government as an unfriendly act."

Kung expressed hope, however, that the Tokyo talks would be confined to the Tientsin deadlock and avoid general principles. He was quoted as saying China would negotiate for peace with Japan only after all Japanese troops were withdrawn from China.

Tientsin Britons lacked warship protection tonight for the first time since early in the blockade, since the escort ship Falmouth departed for Weihaiwei.

Heavy Storm Damages Pitt Tobacco Section

Greenville, July 11.—A survey today revealed that a devastating hail, wind and rain storm which struck the Pactolus community of Pitt County yesterday afternoon did damage estimated by residents of the section to range at \$100,000.

An estimated 3,000 acres of farming land, including 1,000 acres of tobacco, were caught in the path of the storm, described by one farmer as being the worst we've had in Pitt County this year.

Pellets of hail peppered tobacco and other plants on nearly every farm in the Pactolus section, according to reports, with an average of 100 acres of tobacco being damaged on the farms of T. G. Basnight, J. A. Tripp, H. H. Tripp and Joe Daniels, Negro, the largest farms in the Pactolus community.

No serious damage by wind was reported, except for two or three tobacco barns that were overturned. An undetermined number of trees were uprooted in various parts of the Pactolus community.

One Pactolus resident said the storm struck in the heart of the community and spread for a radius of five miles.

Livestock prices declined sharply during the month ending June 15, while grains, cotton, and most other groups of farm commodities advanced slightly, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Furnish Drug To Physicians

State To Provide Anti-Syphilitic Medicine To Doctors Free

Raleigh, July 12.—As a further step in North Carolina's anti-syphilis campaign, the State Board of Health announces that doctors engaged in private practice now obtain from local health departments free medicines for the treatment of cases in their care.

A rather intricate system of application and report blanks must be used, and in counties without local health units the drugs may be obtained direct from the state board.

Arsenical drugs will be distributed only in individual dose packages except where previous arrangements for larger quantities are made by the doctor.

In the course of a casual conversation today Dr. J. C. Knox, head of the division of epidemiology of the health department, stated that surveys indicate about ten per cent of the population of the state affected by syphilis. Sixty per cent of this number, or about six per cent of the entire population, comes within the marriageable ages.

"It requires no imagination," said Dr. Knox, "to see that this situation presents a most serious problem and makes careful observance of the new physical tests law for marriage of the greatest importance to this and to the next generation."

Dr. Knox confirmed the opinion voiced by Dr. Tom Long, who as a member of the State Senate sponsored the marriage test law, that its effectiveness depends largely upon full cooperation of the medical profession.

Chances for Negotiation Of Danzig Row Studied

In his statement to Commons on Tuesday, Chamberlain defended the status of Danzig—a league-protected Free City within the Polish customs administration—as "neither basically unjust or illogical" but "it may be added that in a clearer atmosphere, possible improvements could be discussed."

Semi-official French sources advanced a suggestion, which they indicated had Polish approval, that Germany be permitted to incorporate Danzig technically into the Polish state, with the understanding that the Poles would guarantee the Danzigers' rights.

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Spanish Veterans To Meet In Goldsboro

The Captain Thomas Smith Camp No. 17, United Spanish War Veterans, will hold its next meeting on Sunday afternoon, July 16, at three o'clock in Goldsboro. All members are requested to attend.

At the last meeting held here there were two additions made to the membership of the local Camp, which makes a total of eighteen. We are expecting some more additions Sunday. "United we stand, divided we fall. All for one and one for all."

S. M. Pollard, Commander.

WHO KNOWS?

- 1. How do foreign currency speculators work?
2. What per cent of wage-earners are covered by the Wage-Hour Act?
3. Can the Federal Housing Administration insure loans on existing properties?
4. What is the extent of outstanding exempt securities?
5. Was the British pound devalued before the dollar?
6. How many men comprised the crew of the Dixie Clipper on its first commercial flight to Europe?
7. How many States tax cranberry sales?
8. Why do foreign countries limit the sale of American automobiles?
9. When will minimum pay under the Wage-Hour law be 50 cents an hour?