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TRUMAN DELAYS ACTION IN COAL STRIKE

House Refuses To Cut Funds To Aid Europe

Move To Cut Funds Defeated By House After Long Debate

Washington, Mar. 31.—(UP)—The house today refused to cut European recovery program funds \$1,300,000,000 after hours of rough-and-tumble debate. The vote against the cut was 112 to 61.

The move to slash first year ERP funds from \$5,300,000,000 to \$4,000,000 was made by Rep. Charles W. Vursell, R., Ill.

When the standing vote was taken on the Vursell amendment, among those observed voting in favor of it were House Republican leaders Charles A. Halleck, Ind., and Rep. Robert L. Doughton, N. C. ranking Democrat on the house ways and means committee.

Previously, the house rejected 123 to 19 a motion by Rep. William Jennings Bryan Dorn, D. S. C., to halt all further consideration of the \$6,205,000,000 global aid bill.

Dorn offered his motion after a heated speech in which he demanded a "showdown now" with Soviet Russia.

A few moments before, Democratic leader Sam Rayburn of Texas had likened opponents of the bill to the Pearl Harbor isolationists. He said he had heard the same kind of talk "in 1938, in 1939, in 1940, and even in 1941."

House Republican leaders hoped to complete action on the measure and send it to conference with the Senate by nightfall. The Senate is expected to fight house amendment to include Spain among recipient nations.

But the opposition was having its hearings. The specific amendment under debate was one by Rep. Charles W. Vursell, R., Ill., to trim European recovery funds by \$1,300,000.

The bill earmarks \$5,300,000,000 for Marshall plan nations this year. Vursell called the foreign aid program a "fantastic worldwide WPA." He said it is more than a calculated risk; it is "the greatest gamble in the history of the world."

Dorn's motion came after several hours of the most bitter debate thus far heard on the bill.

Rep. Ross Rizley, R., Okla., drew applause from opponents of the bill when he said that those who vote for it should be prepared to vote for the restoration of OPA. They also should vote to sustain an expected presidential veto of the \$4,000,000 tax reduction bill, Rizley said, shouting:

"This bill will leave us nothing to strengthen our own defenses."

Rep. John W. Gwynne, R., Ia., told the house that "the activities of P. T. Barnum were as nothing compared with the propaganda that has been carried on to sell this bill."

Rep. Glen D. Johnson, D., Okla., said he would vote for military preparedness but not for the foreign aid bill. He said he would favor it if it would help stop Communism, but it won't do that at all."

Vursell in seeking to trim the bill said the United States made a "colossal blunder" by asking Marshall plan nations to survey their needs.

U. S. assistance should be based solely on American ability to aid the world, he said.

Leaders of the senate foreign relations committee have maintained publicity and privately that it is up to the 16 Marshall plan countries themselves to decide whether Spain should be among those eligible for assistance.

Chairman Arthur H. Vandenberg, Mich., of the senate foreign relations committee does not look favorably on any effort to have Congress give Franco Spain a part in the recovery program.

The house approved an amendment to its foreign aid bill yesterday. It added Spain to its Marshall plan countries.

House leaders were driving for passage of their one-package \$6,000,000 global foreign aid bill by nightfall.

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Weather
Rain north and central portions tonight and this afternoon; clearing and cooler to-night; Thursday generally fair, cooler in southeast.

Striking Printers Ask Negotiations

Ask Chicago Papers Set Hearing Dates

Chicago, Mar. 31.—(UP)—Striking Chicago printers asked the city's newspapers today to set a date for resuming negotiations to end the walkout which began last Nov. 24.

John J. Pilch, president of the Chicago local of the International Typographical Union, (AFL), asked for resumption of negotiations in a letter to the Chicago Newspaper Publishers Association, which represents the city's five struck papers.

Pilch's letter was in compliance with an agreement reached between counsel for the international union and the national labor relations board, under which the union will seek to end newspaper strikes and drop its attempt to maintain closed shops.

The agreement was reached after federal judge Luther M. Swiger issued an injunction prohibiting the union from continuing alleged unfair labor practices in violation of the Taft-Hartley law, which outlaws the closed shop.

Pilch's letter said in part:

"This is to request that negotiations be immediately resumed between us with the object of reaching a collective bargaining agreement for a definite term covering wages, hours and other conditions of employment . . . would you notify me of a convenient time and place for such negotiations?"

John O'Keefe, secretary of the publishers' association, said representatives of the newspapers would meet today to set a date for resumption of negotiations.

Meanwhile, national labor relations board attorneys charged at a hearing that the International Printers' Union is responsible for any unfair labor acts committed by its locals or its members.

Tomorrow April 1, April Fool's Day

If the boss offers you a raise tomorrow, turn it down. If your best girl accepts your proposal, don't believe her. If you find a wallet lying on the sidewalk with a \$100 bill showing, kick it into the gutter.

If the telephone rings to tell you a rich uncle died and left you a fortune, hang up on the voice at the other end. In other words, don't trust anyone, for tomorrow is April 1—April Fool's Day and the "field day" for practical jokes.

Plan Commission To Meet Here April 8

Assistant Director Of State To Attend

Representatives of the two local service organizations, Lions and Rotary clubs, officials of the Chamber of Commerce, members of the city council and all interested citizens will be invited to the meeting of the city plan commission to be held Thursday night, April 8, at 7:30 o'clock at the city hall. It was announced today by plan commission officials.

P. E. Middleton, assistant director of the Indiana economic council will attend the meeting and answer questions which anyone cares to ask concerning the functions and authorities of the new commission.

The state law, under which the commission was named, has a wide scope, including building zoning, street, park and public building construction and improvements and other phases of commission projects.

The local commission will start immediately after the meeting to devise a master plan for the future improvements in Decatur, and after the plan is adopted by the city council, it will be necessary to obtain permits for all new construction and improvements in Decatur.

The master plan also will include other contemplated developments, both of a municipal and private nature. Widening of streets, building of new streets, parks, public buildings and improvements all come under the planning law.

Violence Marks Stock Exchange Strike



SHARP CLASHES between police and striking members of the United Financial Employees (AFL) occurred at the New York Stock Exchange in the second day of the work stoppage. Above, two pickets are dragged to their feet by police after a violent tussle.

Alleged Physician Passes Bad Checks

Merchants Bilked By Smooth Stranger

Police authorities here today were totalling the "take" of a pseudo-physician, whose ability to pass bogus checks far surpassed any purported claim to medical knowledge.

Sheriff Herman Bowman said that seven bad checks, ranging from \$20 to \$50, drawn on an Iowa City, Iowa, bank, had been reported to his office today and more are expected — after they fail to clear the Iowa bank.

Sheriff Bowman said that the check artist gave his name and age as Charles E. Lamb, 27, 211 East Davenport, Iowa City, Iowa — but declared the man looked to be at least 35 years of age.

He is described as being five feet, 11 inches tall and weighing 210 pounds, well-dressed and a "smooth" talker.

The wanted man had been staying for the past week or more at a cabin at Cope's Corner and had told persons in that vicinity that he was a physician "on vacation." His conversation indicated more than a slight knowledge of the medical profession, it was reported.

Monday the man left that vicinity and yesterday the checks began "bouncing back," the sheriff stated.

The man is known to have acquired the friendship of an implement salesman living at Cope's Corner and to have gone along

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Saturday Deadline To File Candidacies

Many On File Here For Precinct Posts

A long list of candidates, mostly those seeking Democratic precinct committee posts, filed declarations in the offices of county clerk Edward Jaberg late yesterday and today.

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Explosion Wrecks Train In Palestine

Jerusalem, Mar. 31.—(UP)—British authorities announced that an explosion today wrecked a train at Benyamina, midway between Haifa and Lydda, killing 24 persons and injuring 61.

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Lecture On Cancer Given Last Evening

Cancer Society Is Sponsor Of Meeting

More than 300 women of Adams county heard Dr. S. M. Rabson, noted authority on cancer, at the meeting held last night at Decatur junior-senior high school auditorium under the auspices of the county federation of Women's clubs and the Adams county cancer society.

Following Dr. Rabson's lecture, motion pictures were shown and then an open forum was held at which time those attending asked questions on the subject. The interest was keen in this part of the program and more than 25 questions were asked by members of the audience.

The rent law also:

1. Lifts ceilings from non-housekeeping rooms in private homes having not more than two roomers.

2. Removes restrictions on use of scarce building materials for recreation and amusement facilities.

3. Requires 65 percent of all "owners" in cooperative apartment developments to be "stockholders, tenants and occupants."

4. Directs the expeditor to grant "hardship" rent increases on proof of landlord that he is losing money.

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Clerk's Office Open

Nights To Register

Nightly Schedule Is

Announced By Jaberg

County clerk Edward Jaberg announced today that he will keep his office open nights through the balance of the registration period to accommodate late registrations.

His offices in the courthouse will remain open from 7 until 9 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday nights for this purpose.

In addition the office will be open Saturday afternoon, instead of closing at the usual hour of noon. The deadline for registering is Monday night at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Jaberg urged that voters call at the office to check their registrations if uncertain as to whether or not they are qualified.

Persons voting for the first time, women changing name by marriage, those moving from one precinct to another, those moving into the county for the first time and those failing to vote in the last two elections are among those required to register or transfer registrations.

Persons whose home precinct has been changed by the recent redistricting of precincts in Decatur, if otherwise qualified, are not required to register or transfer. This work is done by clerk's office personnel.

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Lions Entertained

By School Students

A group of band students from Decatur junior-senior high school directed by Albert Sellemeyer, presented an instrumental musical program Tuesday evening at the weekly meeting of the Decatur Lions club, held in the Knights of Pythias home. Lowell Smith was in charge of the program.

Report Of Fact-Finding Board Places Principal Strike Blame On Lewis

Rent Control Law Signed By Truman

Extends Controls To March Of 1949

Washington, Mar. 31.—(UP)—President Truman late Tuesday signed the new rent control law, one day before the old act was due to expire at midnight tonight.

In signing the legislation, reluctantly, the president said it wasn't the strengthened measure he had asked of Congress but is "better than no rent control at all."

The bill extends controls for one year, to March 31, 1949, and gives an emergency federal court the final say over the raising or removing of rent ceilings in any area. The recommendations of local rent boards would bear great weight, however, and the court would have to uphold them if it found they were based on "adequate and substantial evidence."

The new law permits landlords and tenants to agree on "voluntary" 15 percent rent increases, in return for leases running at least through 1949. However, those tenants who signed up for one 15 percent boost under the old law cannot be forced to accept another.

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