

FARM, ECONOMY BLOCS TIGHTEN LINES IN HOUSE

Prepare for Fight on Bill Cut 154 Millions; Showdown Due Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (U.P.)—The Congressional farm bloc and economic advocates today prepared for a fight on a bill on the Agriculture Appropriation Bill which has been cut \$154,530,263 below President Roosevelt's 1941 "bed rock" budget. The showdown comes tomorrow when final House action is expected.

The bill, carrying appropriations of \$634,399,265, was reported to the House yesterday by its Appropriations Committee.

The huge farm cuts tossed into the House an issue loaded with political dynamite. Facing a campaign year, many members are reluctant to vote against farm interests. But they are attempting to set economy records and a vote to restore farm funds would embarrass them.

House farm leaders conceded that the committee's elimination of \$72,678,812 in funds for the Surplus Commodities Corp., which involves the New Deal's food stamp plan, could not be replaced. They planned, however, to conduct a strenuous campaign to reinstate it.

1. \$47,975,000 for payments under the 1937 Sugar Act; (2) \$25,000,000 for farm tenant loans; (3) \$1,000,000 for soil conservation; (4) \$500,000 for development of waterway facilities in arid and semi-arid regions.

The Committee made no provision for farm parity payments. The farm bloc plans to let the Senate provide for parity payments and then battle to retain them when the measure returns to the House.

Bill to Aid Finns Given Right-of-Way

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (U.P.)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee decided today to act on legislation designed to aid Finland before considering proposals to place embargoes against Japan.

This afternoon the committee was to hear Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, testify on a plan to add \$100,000,000 to the Export-Import Bank's revolving fund. The increase would enable the bank to increase its loans to Finland for non-military purposes.

Chairman Kev Pittman said that some representatives of the State Department also may appear.

Senator Frederick VanNus (D. Ind.) was named on a subcommittee to consider proposals to invoke the U.S. neutrality act against Japan and China and against Russia and Finland.

Chairman Kev Pittman (D. Nev.) said the State Department will be heard before any action is taken on the Export-Import Bank Bill, which already has been approved, 18 to 2, by the Senate Banking and Current Committee.

2 Factors Blamed in NLRB Difficulties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—Chairman J. Warren Madden told the House inquiry into the National Labor Relations Board today that most of the Board's difficulties are attributable to organized opposition to the Wagner Act and the A. F. of L. C. I. O. split.

The Board is being permitted to conduct its own defense against charges made during a month's hearing on Board operations.

The labor split stimulated "economic jealousies" and "put the Board in the ungenerous position of having to judge in a civil war in the labor movement," he said.

Manufacturers, he said, "felt it their duty to repute the law" and sought to enjoin the Board "from even holding hearings to bring out the facts about a respondent's business." And the very fact, he said, that the Board "took cases for unions that had been expelled from the A. F. of L." created resentment in the A. F. of L."

Indorse Appreciation Plan



DEFIANT TALKS REKINDE WAR FEAR IN EUROPE

Leaders Exchange Challenges; Allies Ready for Nazi Push in Spring.

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phasis on friendship with Russia because Fascist policy is consistently anti-Communist.

Fascists approved Herr Hitler's condemnation of the democracies, the Versailles Treaty, and the alleged betrayal by England and France of their "promises" to create a "new Europe" after the World War.

The little nations studied the speeches of all leaders closely for new threats to their neutrality and further inspected their preparations for defense.

Copenhagen Drives Off Plane

At Copenhagen, a German plane flew within three miles of the capital, was fired on by Danish anti-aircraft guns and drew representations from the Danish Government to Berlin. Appearance of the plane increased the nervousness of the smaller capitals.

The plane approached Copenhagen from the south (from the sea) at 10:05 a.m. (3:04 a.m. Indianapolis Time). Guns of Ft. Middelgrund, three miles east of the city, opened fire and the plane flew off to the sea which would also take it to sea parallel to the coast. The four protect the Danish straits opposite Sweden.

At Bucharest, it was understood that more men were being called up for training than at any time since the Rumanian capital expressed fears of difficulties on the Hungarian frontier last spring.

At Brussels, the newspaper Libre Belgique published a dispatch from Berlin telling of the discussion by German officers of a plan for landing Nazi troops from "deadraught airplanes" in Great Britain and behind the French Maginot Line.

Finnish Action Intensifies

There was greater action on the Finnish fighting fronts today, with Russian bombers raiding the Finnish northern military headquarters at Rovaniemi and inflicting considerable damage and casualties.

Today's air raids on Rovaniemi were the fourth of the war. The planes apparently came from the Petsamo Sector, held by the Russians.

Bombs struck a hospital air raid shelter. The number of casualties had not been tabulated, but it was believed there were several dead and others wounded.

The air raid lasted from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Twenty-seven Russian planes in echelon formation circled the town four times, raining bombs on the city and outskirts.

Heavy fighting also was reported

last night "so that others might walk" at thousands of birthday balls in honor of the President's 58th birthday.

The festivities were climated shortly before midnight when Mr. Roosevelt, in a five-minute "thank you, and God bless you" radio message to the dancers and to the nation, expressed appreciation for the contributions at the balls and to the "miles of smiles" campaign.

Mr. Roosevelt said that he hoped the goal of the annual celebrations eventually would be "the care of all crippled children, no matter what the cause of their crippling."

First Lady Cuts Cake

"No nation in the world has ever put so many volunteers into the field than the army of Americans which tonight is taking part in the defense of American childhood," he said.

While the President spent a quiet evening at the White House with a group of old friends, his wife and 18 motion picture, radio and stage stars were the center of attraction at the six major balls held in Washington. A few moments after the President's speech, Mrs. Roosevelt cut the first slice of her husband's four-decker, 312-pound, red, white and blue birthday cake at the Mayflower Hotel.

Approximately 15,000 Washingtonians attended the local balls and many of them followed the celebrities from one hotel to another as they made the rounds for personal appearances.

Mother Does Honor

Outstanding of the other balls held in virtually every sizable city in the country were those held at New York's Waldorf-Astoria and Concourse Plaza Hotels where Mrs. James Roosevelt cut her son's birthday cake. Another notable celebration was that in Manila—the first held in any city under the American flag because of the time difference.

Air raid precautions officials announced that in two months of war Russian planes had killed 377 persons and wounded 912. They charged that the Russians were engaged in a terror campaign and "bombed anything in sight." In their operations, it was asserted, the Russians had lost about 300 planes.

On the Western Front, Paris reported that an attempt by two German raiding parties to penetrate French advance defenses in the Saar region caused a violent artillery duel.

The Germans crept forward under protection of their artillery, it was said, and French batteries responded. The German raiders were repulsed by machine gun and trench mortar fire, it was said.

Frontier Devil Falls

Failure after nine weeks of negotiations to delimit the Manchukuo-Outer Mongolia frontier was announced today by Yachikiro Suma, spokesman for the Foreign Office in Tokyo.

Suma said Japanese, Manchukuoan, Outer Mongolian and Russian delegations meeting at Harbin, Manchukuo had signed a statement yesterday agreeing to terminate the cessation of their negotiations.

In confessing this failure, Suma said progress was being made in commercial negotiations now proceeding with Russia at Moscow.

Midwest Weather

Indiana—Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow, probably some light snow in north, somewhat warmer in east portion.

Illinois—Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow, probably some light snow in north, somewhat warmer in east portion.

Ohio—Cloudy and warmer tonight; tomorrow with light snow or rain in north, warmer in south; snow or sleet tomorrow night and Friday.

Kentucky—Fair and warmer tonight; tomorrow cloudy and slightly warmer; colder tomorrow night and Friday.

Lower Michigan—Unsettled tonight; some light snow in north; some snow or sleet tomorrow; warmer in south.

Michigan—Fair and warmer tonight; some light snow in north; some snow or sleet tomorrow night and Friday.

Wisconsin—Fair and warmer tonight; some light snow in north; some snow or sleet tomorrow night and Friday.

Minnesota—Fair and warmer tonight; some light snow in north; some snow or sleet tomorrow night and Friday.

Missouri—Fair and warmer tonight; some light snow in north; some snow or sleet tomorrow night and Friday.

Arkansas—Fair and warmer tonight; some light snow in north; some snow or sleet tomorrow night and Friday.

Tennessee—Fair and warmer tonight; some light snow in north; some snow or sleet tomorrow night and Friday.

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Alabama—Fair and warmer tonight; some light snow in north; some snow or sleet tomorrow night and Friday.

Georgia—Fair and warmer tonight; some light snow in north; some snow or sleet tomorrow night and Friday.

North Carolina—Fair and warmer tonight; some light snow in north; some snow or sleet tomorrow night and Friday.

South Carolina—Fair and warmer tonight; some light snow in north; some snow or sleet tomorrow night and Friday.

Florida—Fair and warmer tonight; some light snow in north; some snow or sleet tomorrow night and Friday.

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