

Congress Ends Recess, but Faces Reconversion Delay

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (U. P.)—Congress officially ended its summer recess at noon today, but faced at least a temporary delay in the job of passing reconversion legislation in preparation for possible collapse of Germany.

Despite the prodding of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes and both Democratic and Republican leaders, attendance at the opening session was sparse in both senate and house chambers.

Ten minutes after Vice President Henry A. Wallace called the senate to order, only 32 members were present—14 Republicans and 18 Democrats. In the house, 45 members—26 Republicans and 19 Democrats—were on the floor when Speaker Sam Rayburn rapped his gavel.

He said the house expenditures committee expected to begin work next Monday on a proposed measure dealing with the disposal of surplus war property.

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functory session today, then recess until Thursday or Friday noon and continue three-day recesses until the military affairs committee has submitted something for floor debate. A similar schedule is in prospect in the house until the senate completes action.

Barkley and Vandenberg stressed in separate press conferences that surplus property disposal and unemployment compensation for demobilized war workers comprise the only "must" program now confronting congress.

Many members had hoped, when they quit for the political conventions last June, that their recess would be extended until after Labor day, but Barkley dashed such prospects when he declared:

"I think it is our duty to look after the war situation and do what we can for the post-war period. Recesses and political campaigns are a secondary consideration."

Despite the urgent pleas of leaders, however, there was little prospect that there would be a quorum in either the senate or house at any time this week.

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Barkley said he believed that the senate committee would be disposed to act quickly on either the Kilgore bill or the Murray-George bill, both of which deal with the unemployment compensation question.

The Kilgore bill, setting up federal standards for unemployment compensation ranging up to \$35 a week, also stipulates that purchasers of surplus war plants must guarantee to keep them in substantial operation for at least two years.

The Railway Labor Executives' association last night endorsed the Kilgore bill in telegrams to congressional leaders urging that Congress stay in session until the matter is disposed of.

The Murray-George bill, which would extend unemployment compensation coverage to a greater number of workers but leave payments and length of availability to the individual states, contains nothing about surplus property disposal in its latest form.

GERMANS FEAR HOME UPRISING

Report Nazi Troops Moved Closer to Own Soil as Unrest Grows.

LONDON, Aug. 1 (U. P.)—Roundabout reports from the continent said today that the German high command has ordered a general withdrawal of troops and equipment from all but their most essential defense positions in southwestern France in order to bolster the Norman front and forestall a possible uprising inside Germany.

Remove Many Weapons

Unconfirmed dispatches reaching Spain from occupied France said Nazi concern over their own internal situation and the plight of their armies in the East and West had become increasingly evident since the July 20 attack on Adolf Hitler.

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—signed "Rommel per Eberbach."

The German Transocean news agency yesterday reported that a

telephone call to Rommel's head-

quarters elicited the information

that he was shaving. Transocean

evidently implied that his shave

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