

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.

A conference of senate Republicans stressed the urgency of the demobilization problem this morning. Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R. Mich.), conference chairman, said the group agreed unanimously that the senate should complete reconversion legislation at the earliest possible moment and that the senate military affairs committee "should proceed immediately to this task."

Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky joined with Military Affairs Committee Chairman Robert R. Reynolds (D. N. C.) in an urgent telegram calling committee members back to Washington for a meeting Thursday morning.

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.

It was expected that the senate would meet for only a brief, per-

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."

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 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.

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

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GERMANS FEAR HOME UPRISING

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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.

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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with unrest among the German civilian population.

All non-military railroad traffic from the Paris region to the south and west of France was reported to have been suspended on July 28, apparently to keep the lines clear for troop movements.

Meanwhile, the French general

Allied Chiefs Think Rommel Dead or Seriously Crippled

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LONDON, Aug. 1 (U. P.).—High allied medical authorities believe, on the basis of details made available by the French underground, that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, field commander of the German armies in Normandy, is either dead or permanently crippled as the result of wounds received when his car was strafed by an allied plane July 17.

French sources have forwarded the following account of the incident: An allied plane caught Rommel's convoy south of Villers-Bocage and before the Nazi general could leap out, machinegun bullets wounded him at the base of the skull, fracturing his skull and breaking his jaw. Another bullet pierced one eye and three struck his chest, one piercing a lung.

Rommel was taken to a German field hospital at Bernay and was on the operating table for several hours. The underground has been unable to locate him since the operation.

Medical authorities said survival after such wound is practically impossible. If by some miracle the leathery Rommel should pull through, he would be crippled for life and militarily useless, they said.

Allied medical sources said they were inclined to believe the underground version of Rommel's wounds and believed the information was becoming so well known the Germans would make an official admission soon.

(N. B. C. Correspondent Merrill Mueller, who is attached to Gen. start in Algiers reported that sabotage and armed resistance among the French people was mounting to major proportions. A communiqué said French patriots derailed 180 German troop trains behind the Norman front between June 6 and July 26, and that 2000 Germans had been killed in the Garonne region.

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U.S., RUSS RATED POST-WAR TOPS

America Seen as Leader in Sea and Air Power; Soviet on Land.

By VIRGIL PINKLEY
United Press Staff Correspondent
LONDON, Aug. 1.—This is the way qualified allied observers see the postwar military lineup:

ON LAND: Russia, the United States, Great Britain, France, China.

IN THE AIR: United States, Great Britain, Russia, France.

These observers told the United Press that if that powerful alignment worked together and kept peace among its members, no major war could occur for 50 years or possibly a full century.

They based that supposition upon the expectation that Germany and Japan will be ruthlessly smashed. They also said that the united nations probably would keep up research to strengthen their armed forces.

It is inconceivable, the observers said, that the Soviets will relinquish the land lead they already hold.

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YANKS BOMB SUB
CHUNGKING, Aug. 1 (U. P.).—Liberators of the 14th U. S. air force bombed and probably sank a partly submerged submarine in a sweep over Hongkong July 29, a communiqué said today.

On Guam, marines had cut the island and were the northern half of the island. The marines on the island were nine-tenths compressed remnants into a small southern tip. Disimpeding the final

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Survivors besides Beth, are two sons Indianapolis and Muncie; a daughter Shoemaker of Indianapolis, Edward, of St. grandchildren.

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man civilians, 10 troops and gendarmes. Polish troops by side with the suburbs of Warsaw bank of the Vistula said the civilians liberators with the landing the garrison in through the Soviet front of fierce and blood suburbs, with a fenced house by army artillery taking the lead break-through to cavalry slashed flanks and chopping Nazi units.

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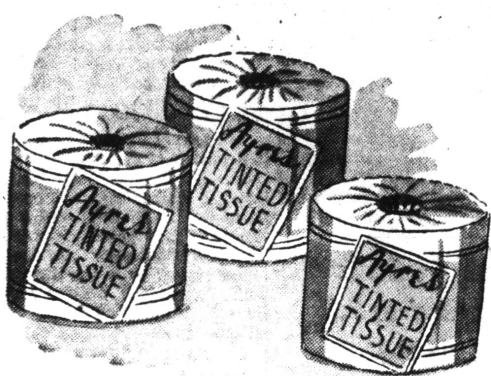
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