

WASHINGTON Calling

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the civil aeronautics act of 1938, not send them to the senate in treaty form.

Act gives President power to authorize overseas flying rights to foreign nations.

But senate commerce committee, which had expected to deal with the matter, as well as foreign relations committee, would resent such an attempt.

It could: Amend the CAA act, probably over-ride a presidential veto; withhold appropriations from enforcing agencies; take out its resentment on such treaties as are submitted.

Earlier attempt on part of administration to submit oil agreements without putting them in treaty form ended in a backdown.

Meanwhile: Senate commerce committee, following hearings this week, will report St. Lawrence arrangement with Canada is a treaty, needs two-thirds vote, and will send it to foreign relations committee.

Canadian Oil Rights

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT has heard "very informal" suggestions that it take over parts of the war department's canal (Canadian oil) project lying in Alaska.

"This might be the first step toward deal whereby some special authority would be created to run the entire project—most of which lies outside the United States."

Meanwhile the Mead (formerly Truman) committee, which once damned Canal up and down in a very severe report, is preparing to take another look at the project, to determine its practicality after a year of operation.

HARRY HOPKINS kept out of sight during the campaign, but since then the word has been "Clear it with Harry."

He was influential in Stettinius' appointment.

Connecticut's ex-Governor Hurley and California's Lt. Col. Heller were Hopkins-picked for important surplus war property board.

So ramified are his interests and influence that day after he lunched with J. Edgar Hoover at the Mayflower, reports circulated of Hoover boom to succeed Judge Landis as czar of baseball.

Contract Terminations

FEW CONTRACT termination loans have been asked by business, despite legislation authorizing them.

Reason: Confidence has increased in quick, reasonable termination methods now being followed by government.

WAR LABOR board anticipates rash of new wage increase requests based on "unusual" working conditions as outgrowth of night wage bonus concession granted in steel case. Straight-out wage boosts were vetoed by steel decision, sending union leaders on hunt for "special" hardships.

ROOSEVELT PLAN for series of "little TVA's" originated by now-defunct national resources and planning board, will be pushed here by public power and reclamation advocates, but chances are slim. Similar plan was shelved in 1938 when house poll indicated two-thirds of members opposed it.

Opposition is still strong; one main objection is that plan would curtail powers of army engineers, who are congressional favorites.

Private utilities, coal interests, railroads, water carriers are mobilizing forces for repudiation of 1937-38 fight.

Littell Removal

SIDELIGHT ON removal of Normal Littell as assistant attorney general is possible effect on surplus property disposal policies.

Littell conducted single-handed justice department fight against brokerage commissions for real estate dealers in sale of surplus government land.

SOUTHWEST HUNGARY DEFENSES SHREDDED

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order of the day reporting the capture of Kapovar, Szekszard, Paks, Bonyhad, and Dumbovar, big transport centers and strong points vital to the defense of Hungary.

Tolbukhin's whirlwind gains carried his vanguard within less than 30 miles of historic Lake Balaton, and if his pace is maintained his troops will reach Austria within a week.

The 3d Ukrainian army was revealed to be advancing on a front of more than 50 miles, stretching between Kapovar and Paks, on the Danube 80 miles south of Budapest.

Captured Bonyhad is 19 miles northeast of Pecs. Dumbovar is 21 miles north of Pecs, and Szekszard 24 miles north of Mohacs.

An unconfirmed report issued by the Yugoslav Telegraph agency said Marshal Josip Tito's Partisans had crossed the frontier into Austria about 100 miles west-northwest of the oncoming Soviets, but informed observers were inclined to doubt its veracity.

Meanwhile, other Red army forces to the north pressed steadily in on the defenses of Budapest.

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NEW CORCORAN CHARGES AILED

Former New Deal Adviser Again Accused of 'Undue Influence.'

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Littell's fault that the committee decided to make it public.

THREE A resolution by Rep. Jerry Voorhis (D. Cal.) to have the house investigate the whole background of the Littell affair is now before the rules committee.

Administration Block?

Rep. Wigglesworth, a member of the house committee investigating the federal communications commission, protested vigorously when the committee voted earlier in the week to conduct in secret further hearings into the alleged "pressure" sale of radio station WMCA to Former Undersecretary of Commerce Edward J. Noble.

Yesterday Rep. Wigglesworth, speaking on the house floor, demanded, "is the administration trying to prevent the public disclosure of the part played by Thomas Corcoran, William J. Dempsey and William C. Poplowitz and other New Deal officials, past and present, in connection with this case?"

He asked if those men had "conspired" in the alleged pressure sale and if Mr. Corcoran's influence had played a part in a decision to suspend committee hearings on the WMCA case eight months ago.

Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Poplowitz are Washington attorneys.

Corcoran 'Front'

"Is it a fact that the arrangements between Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Poplowitz in the WMCA case were the same as those described in the adjustment of the Savannah, Ga., shipyard claim described by Mr. Norman Littell of the department of justice, where again Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Poplowitz are charged with being the 'front' while Mr. Corcoran remained behind the scenes and pulled the strings?" Rep. Wigglesworth asked.

Mr. Littell had charged that Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Poplowitz were members of Corcoran's "front" law firm in a case involving government condemnation proceedings against the Savannah shipyard. He asserted that Mr. Biddle had urged a settlement of the case despite his (Littell's) objections.

Rep. Wigglesworth asked why the administration had exerted "tremendous pressure to suppress the facts" in the WMCA case.

Mr. Noble, who is president of the Blue network, replied in a statement that Rep. Wigglesworth was "trying desperately to conjure up a public issue" and was "carrying a torch for a number of persons who seek to extract from the situation profit at my expense."

COURT APPEAL SEEN ON INSTITUTION TAX

A decision upholding the right of the state to tax income-producing property owned by fraternal, charitable, educational, religious and scientific organizations today was headed for an appeal to the Indiana supreme court.

The decision upholding the tax was announced by Judge Earl R. Cox in circuit court yesterday.

Passed by the Indiana general assembly in 1937, the law became effective this year, with the first payment due in 1945.

The appeal action will be instituted by the Pythian Corp., one of the several organizations seeking to invalidate the act in the circuit court suit, Othniel Hitch, Pythian counsel, disclosed.

Affected in Indianapolis and Marion county are several millions of dollars' worth of property which will be placed on the assessment rolls.

Home Building Bill

BILL POSTERED by National Association of Home Builders will be presented to congress shortly to force OPA to rescind its order prohibiting landlords from collecting security deposits from tenants to insure against damage to dwellings, and sudden desertions.

OPA and national housing agency are at odds over order. OPA says landlords are requiring deposits to evade ceilings. NHA says deposits are necessary to protect government investment in FHA-insured dwellings and to prevent high turnover of war worker tenants.

House investigating committee, headed by Rep. Howard Smith (D. Va.) will issue report condemning OPA for refusal to modify order to permit deposit equivalent to a month's rent.

FREEMAN APPOINTED TO \$6000 P. S. C. POST

Appointment of Ross P. Freeman of Franklin to fill the vacancy on the public service commission was announced today by Governor Schricker.

The \$6000-a-year post Mr. Freeman fills was vacated by the confirmation of George M. Barnard as a member of the U. S. public service commission.

Mr. Freeman, who was chief deputy examiner of the state board of accounts, is succeeded by Thomas M. Hindman, R. R. 15, Indianapolis, a member of the board of accounts since 1925.

ONE KILLED, 3 HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

One person was killed and three injured in automobile accidents yesterday and early today.

Russell Lester Shields, 25, of Bloomington, was killed last night when his car ran off route 37, 10 miles south of Martinsville, and turned over. A passenger in the car, Violet Bollinghouse, 18, also of Bloomington, was injured.

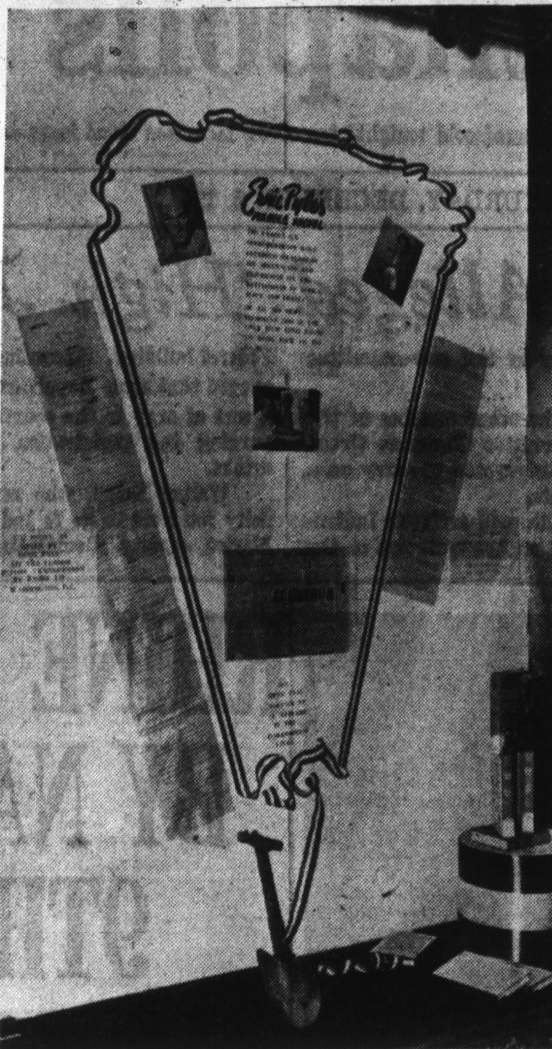
Miss Tilly Doane, 69, of 214 S. Leeds st., was injured yesterday when, according to police, she walked into the side of a car on Rural st., operated by Wallace Malone, 24 Woodland dr. Mrs. Doane suffered fractures of the arm and leg, and was taken to City hospital.

Victim of a hit-and-run driver, Miss Loretta Lair, 23, 709 E. New York st., was taken to City hospital suffering from head injuries. She was struck at New York and Noble sts. early this morning.

GOSHEN BANKER DEAD

GOSHEN, Ind., Dec. 2 (U. P.).—Haines Egbert, 61, prominent lumberman and banker, died last night after an illness of several weeks. Services will be held Monday.

Block's Displays Pyle's War Shovel



ERNE PYLE's foxhole shovel, the only souvenir the Hoosier Yagabond brought home with him from the war, is the basis for an arcade window display this week by the Wm. H. Block Co. Hearing the shovel was in the states, Block's asked The Times if it would be possible to use it in a display honoring the famous correspondent. A. J. Roeder, display manager, designed and executed the window.

Congress Split on Verdict To Drop Pearl Harbor Trial

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Ky.) of the house military affairs committee: "It looks like a final decision. There seems nothing further for congress to do about."

Senator Harlan J. Bushfield (R. S. D.): "I think this administration doesn't want an investigation of Pearl Harbor. The American people are entitled to it, however. The solution probably lies in congress having its own investigation. Those men were fired but they are not subject to court-martial."

Senator A. B. Chandler (D. Ky.). "Adm. Kimmel and Gen. Short deserve an apology from those who made them wait this long to clear their names."

Possible Senate Probe

Senator Homer Ferguson (R. Mich.), author of a resolution now pending for a senate investigation of Pearl Harbor: "I'd like the evidence and conclusions forwarded to the senate military affairs committee to aid us in determining whether there should be a senate investigation. The people want to know how this thing at Pearl Harbor could possibly happen and yet nobody be to blame."

In similar statements yesterday, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of Navy James V. Forrestal each announced completion of the separate army and navy inquiries requested by congress.

Stimson reported that "several officers" in Hawaii and here in Washington had not performed their duties with necessary skill and judgment. He said Gen. Short already had been punished by relief from his command.

Odd's Against Change

"In my judgment," Stimson continued, "on the evidence now recorded, (Gen. Short's) relief is inefficient action. My conclusion is that under all the circumstances the evidence now recorded does not warrant the institution of any further proceedings against any officer in the army."

Stimson said his own investigation would continue "until testimony of every witness in possession of material facts can be ascertained," and that he would review

his present decision when all returns are in.

But the odds against any change in his decision or any further action against Gen. Short probably would be quoted now at 1000 to one.

On grounds that to do so would be prejudicial to the war effort and to the safety of American lives, Stimson said he would not make public the report of the army investigators. Forrestal also marked the navy report "secret."

Forrestal's announcement went a bit further in clearing Adm. Kimmel's record than Stimson's on Short. Forrestal made no mention of Adm. Kimmel's removal from command or retirement. The navy announcement said:

"The net result of the findings of fact and opinion of the Pearl Harbor naval court of inquiry is that the evidence now available does not warrant and will not support the trial by court-martial of any person or persons in the naval service."

"The secretary in his findings upon the evidence before the court of inquiry and all other proceedings in the matter to date has found that there were errors of judgment on the part of certain officers in the naval service, both at Pearl Harbor and Washington."

Will Continue Inquiry

Forrestal said he also would continue his own inquiry and that his present conclusion was subject to review. The investigations were ordered by congress and began last July.

Adm. Richardson figures in the story only incidentally. He was named commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet in 1940 and in 1941 was summarily removed before his expected tour of duty had ended.

Naval officers frequently link the fact with later developments in the Pacific, asserting that Adm. Richardson was broken because he balked at certain orders from Washington regarding fleet dispositions.

Adm. Kimmel, who succeeded him, evidently was more amenable to instructions from Washington. Any court-martial of Adm. Kimmel, the United Press was informed, would have been accompanied by thorough exploration of the causes of Adm. Richardson's removal.

Clearing of supplies will be by railroad or inland waterways. The vital points where the rail systems have been damaged are being rapidly repaired, the roads are in good condition, and the clearance by canal will be assisted by the 500 barges which were captured, together with 62,000 tons of material in their holds.

18,000 Laborers Ready

For port labor, an army of 8000 skilled stevedores and 10,000 unskilled men are ready—many of them already in action. The Belgian government already has announced that it will be responsible for paying the wages of all port workers. Assisting the British war transport officers in the port are 30 former Belgian merchant navy officers.

NAZIS BLOW UP RHINE BRIDGES

Give Up Last Strasbourg Hold as 9th Enters Roer Cities.

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basin, fearful of the approaching allied tide, already were fleeing east along clogged roads reminiscent of France in the dark days of 1940.

From the northern end of the 400-mile offensive front threatening Germany's lifeblood of fuel and arms in the Ruhr and Rhineland came the heartening news that flood waters of the Rhine and Meuse rivers had begun to subside—a sign that augurs well for the impending allied struggles for river crossings.

Once the Roer and Saar have been forced and muddy terrain hardens under sunny skies and freezing temperatures, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower can throw his tremendous weight of armor at full strength against the sagging lines in what may be the showdown battles for Germany.

1st Army Battering Ram

The American 1st army pushed a five-mile-wide battering ram across the approaches to Gey and Branderberg for new gains on the southern flank of Duren, Roer river stronghold only 20 miles southwest of Cologne.

First army infantry still were battling the Germans in the streets of Inden, northwest of Duren, in one of the most deadly combats yet fought in the West.

(A Paris broadcast said the allies had entered Duren, but more reliable reports said the 1st army still was at least three miles from the city.)

Expand Sar Penetration

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3d army, steadily expanding the allies' second penetration of Germany, sent powerful armored and infantry forces into newly won positions along a 10-mile stretch of the Saar river before the Siegfried line fortress of Merzig in the Saar basin.

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's 7th army swung its northern flank to within 10 miles of the German border at the eastern tip of France with a push to Zinswiller, 10 miles northwest of the important communications and supply center of Haguenau.

ANTWERP BECOMES BUSY ALLIED PORT

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petrol by the overland convoys of supplies from Cherbourg by rail or on the Red Ball highway is now removed.

"I want more supplies than we are getting," the supreme commander has declared. And the biggest answer so far to Gen. Eisenhower is—Antwerp.

Docks Cover 26 Miles

The port can handle all the British military tonnage which may be required for the armies in northwest Europe, and at the same time tons of enormous additional tonnage of supplies for civilian use. Actually it is to be used jointly by British and American transportation authorities.

There are 178 berths for big ships in the docks which have basins covering nearly 26 miles of dock frontage, the riverbeds stretching for three and a half miles.

All the small dock tugs are intact, and the river tugs have been brought back from England to which they were taken when the Germans occupied the port. A corps of 250 sea and river pilots, all of them Belgians, are ready to take in the ships.

All the cranes, totaling more than 540 of various types, have been left. And more than 90 per cent of them are in working order. Many of them are capable of heavy lifts up to 150 tons.

Power Plant Intact

Although the Germans retained possession of "Markaan," where the city's electric power station is situated, for a considerable period after the port was liberated, they did not destroy the plant, so that there is ample electric current available for the working of the dock's gear.

The drydocks are in excellent condition and will not only meet the needs of Antwerp itself but also relieve the strain on British drydocks.

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Two 10,000-ton cargo ships, a 12,000-ton tanker and dozens of craft capable of carrying 2000 to 3000 tons were among the vessels found on the shipyards when the port was liberated.

In peacetime, Antwerp handled up to 80,000 tons of cargo per day. Its wartime figures cannot, of course, be revealed.

Clare Luce Asks Women to Save Smokes for GI's

Clare Boothe Luce of Connecticut yesterday urged American women to give up one cigarette daily towards alleviating the warfront smoking shortage which she saw in evidence during her congressional party's tour of invasion beaches at Cherbourg and Le Havre.

"It is impossible to get all the facts here but I am most anxious to investigate the shortage," Mrs. Luce said when interviewed in her flower-filled suite at the Ritz.

"In the meantime, I suggest that American women cut down on smoking as a patriotic duty. I myself have cut out smoking in the morning."

CITY HOSPITAL CHANGES URGED

Telford Report Recommends Relief for Dr. Morgan as Superintendent.

The city isolation hospital was the subject of major recommendations in a final report submitted to Mayor Tynall by Fred Telford, city job surveyor, it was learned today.

A full-time superintendent to replace Dr. Herman G. Morgan, city board of health secretary, from his present practice of sharing time between city hall duties and the hospital was among the recommendations.

The return to active police duty of approximately 10 patrolmen and patrolwomen assigned to the hospital should be accomplished without delay, the report further states, since they are needed more elsewhere.

Payroll Action Spurred

Immediate decision by the health board regarding disposition of the 1945 appropriation of \$118,540 should be made, it was suggested. The money was earmarked for the hospital with the provision that another ordinance be drafted specifying which jobs shall be retained.

The present list of proposed jobs for next year is approximately \$20,000 over the money that will be available, reliable sources said.

A trained dietitian should be employed to plan more balanced meals with the adequate food bought for hospital patients, it was advised.

In the interest of greater administrative efficiency, patients should be asked to participate more in the routine duties of the hospital. Without burdening them to the point where they would cease to remain voluntarily in the clinic for treatment, each should be assigned certain duties that would relieve paid workers and thus effect a saving of overhead, the report concluded.

HUNT SCHEDULED FOR MISSING MAN

LINTON, Ind., Dec. 2 (U. P.).—Hundreds of Linton citizens are expected to join in a manhunt tomorrow seeking trace of 90-year-old Andrew Campbell, who disappeared more than two weeks ago.

State police, who were to have charge of the search, believed that the aged man had died of exposure or had drowned. A reward of \$100 was offered to the finder of Campbell.

FLYING TEACHER KILLED

PERU, Ind., Dec. 2 (U. P.).—Ensign Gardner R. Antice, 24, flying instructor at Bunker Hill naval air station, died today of injuries sustained yesterday when his training plane crashed while landing on an airstrip seven miles southeast of the field.

SEAMAN IS DISCHARGED

Seaman 2-c John William Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, 1242 McDougal st., has received a medical discharge from the navy. He has been in the Naval Convalescent hospital at Santa Cruz, Cal.

NAB ESCAPED MURDERER

COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 2 (U. P.).—Woodrow Wilson Wooten, 26, formerly of Indianapolis, escaped murderer, was held today for Kentucky authorities after his capture by state police near Columbus.

'HIGH JINKS' FACE SENATE INQUIRY

Charge GOP 'Purged' Democrats From Voters Lists Night of Nov. 2.

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by Democratic chairman, and Henry O. Goddard, he said.

Amidst as to what went on were given in the preliminary investigation by Jack B. Tilton, county clerk, and James Bradford, G. O. P. district chairman, among others, it was learned.

Also included was one from "the girl who came down from the third floor," an investigator disclosed without giving her name.

Senator Stewart said that from his knowledge of the preliminary inquiry it seemed to him that Governor Henry F. Schricker should give his views as a member of the state election board and describe the ruling made by the board Nov. 6 which was upset by Atty. Gen. James Emmert.

Probe for 'Conspiracy'

The fact that the governor is a Democrat and the attorney general a Republican caused their conflicting views to take on a partisan character. What the committee seeks to learn is whether or not there was a "conspiracy" to prevent Democrats from voting Nov. 7, by requiring them to go to the courthouse rather than permitting them to be qualified at the polls, it was explained.

Democrats seeking the probe in Marion county have claimed that as many as 15,000 to 20,000 of their voters were disfranchised by the Emmert ruling and the subsequent bottleneck at the courthouse where Chairman Green reported "7000 were jammed."

Mr. Tilton blamed the manpower and (womanpower) shortage for the "inefficiency" in courthouse registrations, it was learned. Mr. Bradford pleaded "not guilty."

Inquiry to Include State

While the investigation will begin in Marion county it will be expanded to include the state, wherever complaints have come in, the committee staff reported.

So far complaints have come from Evansville, Gary, Terre Haute, Richmond, Sullivan county and several other places, they said.

Chief Counsel Robert Murphy of the committee will go to Indiana, as will Harold Buckles, chief of the investigation staff. Others will be Mr. Shillito, Clifford Stultiff (now in Indianapolis), Riley Shanks, investigator, and Attorney James Hines.

"We will investigate all counties where there is any evidence of fraud or irregularities," Mr. Murphy declared.

BADER TO ADDRESS MINISTERS' RETREAT

Dr. Jesse M. Bader of New York will address the retreat for United Brethren ministers of the northwest area Tuesday and Wednesday on the campus of Indiana Central college.

Dr. Bader is executive secretary of the department of evangelism for the Federal Council of Churches and as such has directed the nation-wide Christian missions the council has sponsored for a number of years.

SCHOOL BAND PLAYS AT TEACHERS' PARLEY

The second grade rhythm band at the West Newton grade school played before the music section of the Marion County Teachers' association at Mantal high school today.

The 18 children in the band were trained by Mrs. Blanche Wagler in the first grade and are now under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ellen Rink.

Members of the band are Marjorie McKinney, Doris Lollar, Erma Skimp, Barbara Mart, Beverly Fields, Sharon Fields, Norma Barnett, Waneta Shoeman, Mary Ann Kellum, Janet Baldwin, Kenneth Thompson, Dickie McCoy, Alton Westfield, Dale Stultz and Kim Bedwell.

STUDENT WILL SING AT BILLINGS CHAPEL