

# Congressmen Delay Rent Hike Decision Until After Easter

## Seek to Sound Out Constituents on Plan For 10 Pct. Increase

Truman Plea for Full Year's Extension of Control to Go Unheeded

WASHINGTON, April 2 (U. P.).—The house banking committee today postponed final action on rent increases until April 16.

This will give time for members to sound out their constituents on rent hike proposals during the Easter recess.

Tentative approval of a 10 per cent boost was voted yesterday. However, a top Republican house leader said he was "virtually certain" the committee would change its mind.

The senate banking committee voted on Monday to deny a general rent increase after senate Republicans warned that it would be "political dynamite."

There seemed no possibility that congress would grant President Truman's request to continue rent controls a full year beyond the present June 30 expiration date. Mr. Truman said in a message yesterday that the full year's extension was necessary to protect "millions of our families."

Rep. A. S. Monroney (D. Okla.), a member of the house committee, said the President would be "lucky" to get a nine-month extension.

Other congressional developments: Lillenthal Nomination

Supporters of David E. Lillenthal sought to check senate debate on his nomination to head the atomic energy commission.

They seek to get a final vote before the forthcoming debate on the Greco-Turkish aid program. Senate leaders were hoping for a vote by tomorrow night, but without much optimism.

Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.) attacked the nominee for his part in the state department report on international control of atomic energy. Senator Taft told the senate the report would have established atomic plants "all over Russia" and would have cleared the way "for an international group—with Russians—to come in here and run our atomic plants."

### Strike Control Bill

The house labor committee approved legislation which would authorize President Truman to obtain a court injunction against the threatened nationwide telephone strike.

The committee vote was 16 to 3. Rep. Ray J. Madden (Ind.) was one of the three Democrats who voted against the bill.

Committee chairman Fred A. Hartley Jr. (R. N. J.) said there was no "practical possibility" of getting the bill through congress before the April 7 strike deadline. But he pointed out that the measure could still be used after the strike had begun.

At the same time the telephone union urged a full-scale congressional investigation of what it called the "monopolistic labor policy" of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. The National Federation of Telephone Workers (independent) made the request in

## Veiled Prophets Chief Visits Here

Addison S. Vance of St. Petersburg, Fla., grand monarch of Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, will make an official visit to the Enchanted Realm here Monday.



Mr. Vance

Mr. Vance is a member of Scottish Rite, Shrine Commandery and 18 other Masonic bodies.

SYRUP FLAVORS 'WEED' WASHINGTON — Maple syrup, long associated with pancakes, is also used to flavor tobacco.

## Senator Jenner Says He'll Vote Against Lillenthal

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, April 2.—"I've heard enough," Senator William E. Jenner (R. Ind.) commented, slightly revamping the 1946 G. O. P. campaign slogan "Had Enough!" He was referring to the long-drawn debates on confirmation of David E. Lillenthal as chairman of the atomic energy commission.

And for the first time, Senator Jenner confirmed the prediction that he will vote against confirmation.

Such a stand against Mr. Lillenthal had been announced some weeks ago by Senator Homer Capehart (R. Ind.) and Senator Kenneth D. McKellar (D. Tenn.), who launched the fight against the former TVA chairman.

"I haven't confirmed the report

spite the almost unanimous clamor for his appointment by press and radio. I hope we vote tomorrow and I'll vote against Lillenthal."

Favor U. S. Control

One of DePauw university's outstanding graduates, Mr. Lillenthal is a world authority on public power. The commission setup is for complete government control of atomic power.

One of the things which may have caused Senator Jenner to make a final determination at this time, he indicated, was the lobbying by certain Republican colleagues in Lillenthal's behalf.

"One of the leaders of this group tapped me on the shoulder and said if I voted for Lillenthal the commission would unload Herbert Marks as counsel," Senator Jenner said.

"If he expected that to rally any support from me, he was mistaken. I'm against such tactics. As commission chairman, without senate confirmation, Mr. Lillenthal ap-

pointed his good friend, Mr. Marks, to this \$14,000 post. If he wasn't fit then, he isn't fit now and Lillenthal should be fired for appointing him in the first place."

## White House Silent On Mine Appointee

WASHINGTON, April 2 (U. P.).—The White House declined com-

ment today on reports that President Truman would withdraw his controversial nomination of Dean James Boyd of the Colorado School of Mines to head the U. S. bureau of mines.

United Mine Workers Chief John L. Lewis has denounced Boyd as a "political" appointee who is unfit to handle the bureau's activities.

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