

Taft Loses In Senate On Industry-Wide Bargaining Ban

Congress—

1-Vote Margin Is Surprise To GOP Chiefs

Capehart Off Floor When Vote Comes

WASHINGTON, May 8 (U. P.)— Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.) indicated today he would resist further efforts to include restrictions on industry-wide bargaining in congressional labor legislation.

That was his reaction to yesterday's surprise defeat of a proposal to restrict the practice.

The Senate was scheduled to vote today on another Taft-supported amendment to regulate union welfare funds. The labor committee chairman was confident it will pass, along with one to restrict jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts.

It was the fear of driving votes against the entire bill which also prompted Senator Taft to drop his fight for an amendment to restrict industry-wide bargaining.

16 Republicans Desert Taft

That amendment was rejected yesterday by a vote of 44 to 43, with 16 Republicans crossing the party line to vote with 28 Democrats. A confidential poll had indicated to Republican leaders that they would lose no more than 10 votes in their own party on the amendment.

Asked if the defeat of the amendment might reduce the chances of a Presidential veto, Senator Taft said he had that in mind when he failed to fight for reconsideration.

He also announced he would be "much against" the house-approved provision on industry-wide bargaining. The house-approved provision is much more drastic than the one defeated in the senate.

Senators Irving M. Ives (R. N. Y.) and Wayne L. Morse (R. Ore.) led the fight against the amendment, arguing that it might lead to the destruction of unions.

Senator Homer Capehart (R. Ind.) who had been counted on to support the amendment limiting industry-wide bargaining, was not recorded in the vote. Senator Capehart said he was in committee hearing and did not hear the voting bell ring. Senator William E. Jenner (R. Ind.) voted for the amendment.

Senator Taft was still hoping for passage of the labor bill by tomorrow.

Other congressional developments:

Economy Dispute

An outburst of angry charges widened the breach between administration officials and economy-minded congressmen in the battle over new appropriations.

Leading Republican members of the house appropriations committee accused executive departments of conducting "smear campaigns" to discredit congress and warned them to put their houses in "order."

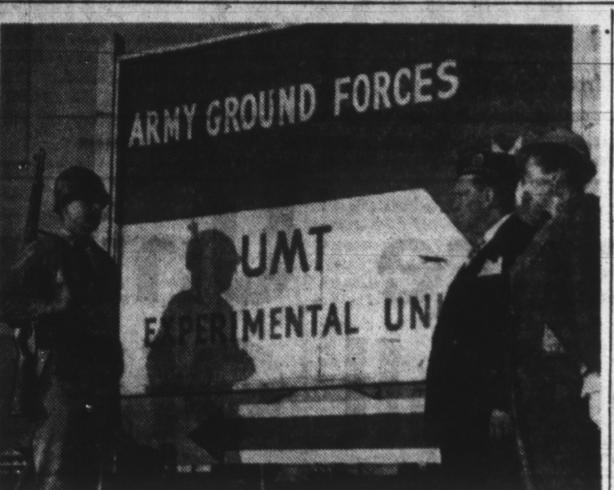
The house members mentioned no names. But their outburst came after Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Secretary of Commerce W. Averell Harriman complained about committee slashes in their budgets for the 1948 fiscal year, starting July 1.

Rep. Karl Stefan (R. Neb.), chairman of the subcommittee which prepared the state and commerce budgets, said "these people were fighting the committee before we even made the appropriations."

No Co-operation

Chairman John Taber (R. N. Y.) of the full committee said, "we have received no co-operation from any agency of the government in finding places where cuts could be made."

Secretary Marshall told a press conference late yesterday that the



'Action' Demanded To Cut Fire Toll

Safety Committees In Every Town Asked

WASHINGTON, May 8 (U. P.)—The President's conference on fire prevention today recommended a broad over-all national, state and local program to take prompt action on fire safety problems.

The conference adopted an "action report" which recommended that:

ONE: The 48 governors call immediate state-wide conferences on fire safety problems.

Establish Safety Group

TWO: Each city, town and rural county establish fire safety committees immediately "to carry on a continuous campaign."

THREE: A national committee be appointed to operate as a "clearing house" for exchange of information on fire protection.

The "action report" was formulated during a three-day meeting here of 2000 delegates from public and private groups interested in fire protection.

Destruction Tragedy

The conference was called by President Truman to launch a drive to reduce the fire loss which has been steadily increasing since 1934.

The report warned that 10,000 lives and \$461,487,000 in property were lost in 1946 and it "will be much greater for 1947 unless prompt action is taken."

Such destruction is not only tragic but "completely inexcusable," the report stated, because most fires are caused by human negligence.

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"Sold" on Program

When the Legionnaires piled into army C-47s for the return trip to Indianapolis last night, they were unanimously sold that UMT is a good thing—one of the best things that could happen to the nation.

Legion National Commander Paul H. Griffith, Uniontown, Pa., assured Gen. Devine his organization would do everything possible to help the army over "the tough road ahead."

Wrote to President

"He complained especially about the committee's action in eliminating all of the \$31 million requested for the international information and cultural relations programs, including the 'Voice of America' broadcasts to Europe and Asia."

Heard from "Dim-Out" Secretary Harriman said the committee's action in slashing \$95,932,000 off the \$286,989,000 requested by President Truman for the commerce department might paralyze commercial aviation and "result in a dim-out of the light that business and government require to make sound decisions."

The committee sliced \$70 million off the request for the CAA.

Mr. Harriman said the reduction would force abandonment of airport projects in Seymour, Evansville, Ft. Wayne, Terre Haute and Richmond, Ind., and reduce the Indianapolis airport project by \$186,000.

Price Reductions

The senate-house economic committee mailed out 800 questionnaires on prices, profits and costs to trade, finance, industry, labor and agriculture leaders today. Answers, expected in about two weeks, will form the basis for any committee action in regard to high prices.

Ft. Knox Program Wins Full Backing of Legion

Enthusiastic After Inspection Flight From Indianapolis to Check on UMT

By JACK THOMPSON, Times Staff Writer

FT. KNOX, Ky., May 8.—After an air-junket here to inspect the army's universal military training experiment, Legionnaires declared today they will redouble their efforts to make such a training a law of the land.

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By Ernie Pyle

He tells irresistible stories about such widely divergent personalities as: the champion soda jerker of the U. S.; Nimrod, the man who made himself a set of bear teeth; a nameless man in Houston who was trying to live down a stretch in prison; the one-armed man who taught a roll a cigarette with one hand; George Washington Carver; Stuart X, who changed his name because there were too many H. C. Stuarts in the world; the man who spattered his junk-yard house with different colors of paint in the dark of the night because it was fun to see what it looked like in the morning. There are Ernie's stories on himself; baffled by a zipper, embarrassed by a half-check girl, terrified of high places and snakes. Many of these establish Ernie Pyle as one of the great humorists of our time.

And Ernie was a humanitarian, deeply aware of the frustrations and tragedies that beset most people. His stories of poverty in the South, desolation in the Dust Bowl, and the leper colony in Molokai are very moving. He was always excited, too, when he was finding out about something he hadn't known before, and he wrote with contagious enthusiasm on phenomena like platinum mining, the borax industry, crab fishing, and what there is a monument to the boll weevil in a certain Alabama town. One discovers here an amazing amount of just plain information about this country. There is a lot of Ernie Pyle's deep feeling for the country itself, and for its great spectacles of natural beauty, particularly in the West.

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NATIONAL 24-HOUR FORECAST SUMMARY: COLD NORTH WINDS WILL INVADE THE NORTHEAST TONIGHT AND EARLY TOMORROW.

Cloudy skies are predicted for the Gulf states, Washington and Oregon. It will be clear from Maine to Georgia and Tennessee. (The inset map shows where clear, partly cloudy and cloudy weather will occur during the next 24 hours.)

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