

Congress— Charges Russ Needed British On Aid Remarks

'Task Almost Complete' Reports Laid to Politics by Hoffman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP)—Foreign Aid Chief Paul G. Hoffman said today top British officials had been "needed" by Russia into making "entirely political" statements that British recovery is almost complete.

Summoned before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to tell why the proposed \$940 million British aid program should not be cut, Mr. Hoffman said any reduction would jeopardize all Western Europe recovery.

Reorganization
Chairman John L. McClellan of the Senate Executive Expenditures Committee says he will try to write a three-year limit into a bill to grant President Truman broad powers to reorganize the federal government.

Replies to Remarks
Mr. Hoffman answered questions about remarks by Christopher P. Mayhew, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and a speech in Scotland last week end by Hector McNeill, Minister of State.

Mr. Hoffman was asked by Committee Chairman Tom Connally, D. Tex., to say "how much (of the speeches) were political and how much economic to offset the attitude of Russians and others who are pressing for nationalization."

Referring to Mr. Mayhew's speech before the United Nations Economic and Social Council, Mr. Hoffman replied: "He had been needed by the Russians and had been making an appropriate reply. It was entirely political in character."

Make Last Check
Mr. Hoffman said that over the week end he and his advisers made a last check on what would happen if the proposed British aid were cut by \$200 million.

"When it comes to applying and distributing this cut," he said, "at every turn you are confronted with what almost amounts to disaster."

The proposed \$940 million for Britain is contained in the administration's request for \$5,580,000,000 for 15 months of aid to Marshall Plan nations.

Mr. Hoffman was accused of "sophistry" in some of his reasoning that foreign aid spending could not be safely reduced.

The charge was leveled by Sen. Walter F. George (D. Ga.). In other congressional developments:

Social Security
The administration estimated today that its new help-the-needy program would cost the federal government up to \$250 million a year.

This estimate was given the House Ways and Means Committee by Commissioner Arthur J. Altmeyer of the Social Security Administration.

Mr. Altmeyer was the first witness at congressional hearings on President Truman's proposals for a general overhauling of the social security structure.

In accord with the committee's decision to consider the public assistance phase of social security first, Mr. Altmeyer stuck largely to the administration plan for helping all the needy.

But he emphasized that this plan should be combined with a broadening of coverage and an increase in benefits in the old age and survivors insurance program.

Labor
Some Southern Democrats were reported today to be ready to protect state anti-union laws from repeal under the administration's new labor bill.

Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D. La.) said the Dixie lawmakers are chiefly interested in laws in some southern states banning the closed shop, union shop or other forms of union security.

Pact
Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R. Mich.), chief GOP foreign policy spokesman, says the U. S. draft of the North Atlantic security pact is both "satisfactory and adequate."

His endorsement apparently assures Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson of support of both Republican and Democratic foreign policy leaders in his treaty negotiating.

GOP Veterans Fight Firing Of Scott Ging

18th Ward Chairman Dismissed by Ingles As 'Routine Move'

A resolution protesting the dismissal of Scott Ging as 18th Ward Republican chairman was to be voted at a special meeting of the Marion County Republican Veterans of World War II tonight.

Mr. Ging, who is county attorney, was notified of his dismissal as party leader in the Irvington area in a letter from County GOP Chairman James W. Ingles. The letter merely stated that "you are no longer chairman of the 18th Ward as of today."

Chairman Ingles explained his removal of Mr. Ging was merely a "routine move to strengthen the Republican organization."

Shakeup Rumored
A shakeup of ward chairmen has been rumored for several weeks in connection with a program of the regular organization to purge ward bosses who have not been aligned with the official leadership.

Mr. Ging has been listed for the "tax" because of his alignment with the GOP veterans group and the party faction composed of associates of James L. Bradford, former county GOP chairman.

The main power behind the Ingles leadership are the party workers aligned with Joseph Daniels, former 11th district chairman.

'Did a Good Job'
Chairman Ingles said he had not yet considered possible candidates for appointment as a new 18th Ward chairman.

Charles E. Brownson, president of the GOP veterans, said his group will demand to know why Mr. Ging was fired.

"He has done a good job out there as ward chairman, recording a 2800-vote majority for the Republicans in the last election," Mr. Brownson said.

Let S. O. B. Initials Mean Brotherhood, Pearson Proposes
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP)—Commentator Drew Pearson wants to give President Truman's "S. O. B." remark a new meaning.

"Servants of Brotherhood," The President told an audience last week he wasn't going to let "any S. O. B." pick his cabinet or his staff for him. He apparently referred to recent criticism of his military aide, Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, by Mr. Pearson.

The commentator, in his weekly broadcast (ABC) last night, acknowledged that Mr. Truman was aiming his remarks at him.

"LAST WEEK," said Mr. Pearson, "Brotherhood Week, the President of the United States threw a name in my direction which was not meant to be brotherly."

Then he continued with these words: "I am going to take those initials you used, Mr. President, and use them proudly in an entirely different way."

"I would like to suggest that in the future we get away from the ugliness attached to those initials and let them mean the servants of brotherhood."

Pearson went on to propose formation of a "new militant crusading order of Servants of Brotherhood" to improve international understanding.

Mad-Dog Slayer Blasted to Bits
PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 28 (UP)—Billy Ray Gilbert made good his boast that he would never be captured alive but failed to fulfill his vow to "take two officers with me" when he died.

The 28-year-old ex-convict, named as the mad-dog slayer of three persons near Needles, Cal., was slain last night by a hail of police bullets as he stepped nude from a tourist cabin where he tried to shoot it out with officers.

Gilbert was trapped in the cabin when the proprietor of the Red Wing auto court recognized him as the man sought in one of the biggest manhunts in the history of the west.

A crowd of 200 watched as police ordered Gilbert to come out with his hands up.

Instead, the desperado began firing with his 38-caliber pistol. Five slugs hit Phoenix City Detective Ed Langevin, 28, who was taken to a hospital where his condition was described as "poor."

Big Muddy Gets Ugly on Rampage



Surrounded by water . . . this farm home (lower right), and its outbuildings are victims of the ice-jammed Missouri River (upper right), which has been forced out of its banks on both the Missouri and Kansas banks. This photo was made south of St. Joseph, Mo., on the Missouri side of the Big Muddy.

Artie Shaw Says He'll Drop Dance Bands
DENVER, Feb. 28 (UP)—Clarinetist Artie Shaw, whose recording of "Begin the Beguine" ranks as an all-time swing classic, said today he was "through with dance band work."

Mr. Shaw, here to play with music, the Denver Symphony Orchestra tomorrow night, said, "From now on, I'm going to play the kind of music I want to play."

"But don't get me wrong," he added. "I love jazz or swing or bebop—whatever the current term for popular music happens to be. But I would be making a terrible mistake to stand still in 'through with dance band work.'"

Priest Dies in Pulpit
NASHUA, N. J., Feb. 28 (UP)—Rev. Eugene Fournier, 47, curate of the Holy Infant Jesus (Catholic) Church, died of a heart attack yesterday while preaching the sermon to 500 worshippers. He was ordained in Montreal, Quebec.

Confesses Nudist Camp Slaying of Wife and Baby

Infant Daughter Buried Alive After Gun Misfire, Jewelry Clerk Tells Police

FAIRFAX, Va., Feb. 28 (UP)—A jewelry clerk confessed today, police said, that he shot his wife three times and buried her in a nudist camp, then interred his infant daughter alive when his gun jammed.

Charles F. Holober, 40, was arrested on a murder warrant outside his home in Washington, D. C., several hours after searchers found the bodies.

Detective George E. Cook quoted Holober as saying he had planned "to do the job" for the past three weeks. Holober said he and his wife, who was expecting a second child, had quarreled constantly since their marriage in December, 1947.

The victims—Mrs. Frances G. Holober, 37, and her 8-month-old daughter June—had been missing since Friday. Their bodies were found in an improvised 18-inch grave late yesterday as searchers were heading for the main building of the nudist camp to call off the hunt because of darkness. Mr. Cook said Holober told him he took his wife and child for a ride last Thursday. They drove to the camp, some 20 miles from Washington, where Holober was a member. The camp is closed during the winter. It is situated about 200 yards from a little-used country road.

Holober said he shot his wife three times in the neck with a German Lager. He turned the gun on the infant, he said, but the weapon wouldn't fire. So he grabbed the tot and threw her into the grave at her mother's feet, and tossed some loose dirt over her, Holober related.

Mother Dies As Daughter Weds
HAVERHILL, Mass., Feb. 28 (UP)—As Grace Cranton, 21, knelt to take her marriage vows with Robert Kimball, 24, yesterday her mother, Mrs. Bertha Cranton, 51, suddenly pressed her hands to her chest and collapsed into the arms of friends.

A few moments after Mr. Kimball placed the wedding ring on her finger, friends informed the bride her mother had died of a stroke.

Capehart Leads Fight To Slash Foreign Aid
CHICAGO, Feb. 28 (UP)—Sen. Homer Capehart (R. Ind.) says he will lead a Senate fight to cut foreign aid in half.

He said in a radio broadcast (WMAQ) last night that he would offer an amendment to trim "perhaps \$3 billion" from the \$5,580,000,000 bill to keep the European recovery program going through June 30, 1950.

Recent administration reports, he asserted, show production in western European countries "has reached, and in some instances surpassed, pre-war levels."

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