

52 Senators Support Pact, Poll Reveals

Unofficial Survey Shows Only Two Against Approval

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP)—A poll of available Senators to-night showed 52 for and two against ratification of the North Atlantic treaty.

This 26-1 ratio is far greater than the two-thirds approval necessary for ratification.

But it did not mean that the pact and corollary arms measures will breeze through the Senate without thorough debate.

Sen. Robert A. Taft (R. O.) and other key legislators already have raised questions about administration proposals to make America the arsenal of the pact nations. He and Sen. Walter F. George (D. Ga.) fear this might increase the likelihood of war with Russia.

Signing Apr. 4

The treaty presumably will be submitted to the Senate soon after its signing here Apr. 4. Full debate has been promised, and ratification appeared unlikely before late May.

The unofficial and confidential poll showed that 29 Republicans and 32 Democrats expect to vote for the pact. The two "no" votes were registered by Republicans. Several Senators of both parties said they are still undecided.

Sen. Taft said that he is reserving judgment on the North Atlantic treaty because it apparently would commit this country to the arming of western Europe.

Explains Attitude

The Senate Republican Policy Committee Chairman told reporters the defense treaty apparently is "inseparable" from military lend-lease for Europe and such a step, he said, might increase the likelihood of war with Russia.

The arms issue promises to be the hottest phase of Senate debate on the pact.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson said last night that this country will send munitions to help free nations "recover their military strength." The administration has in mind a first-year arms shipment program to cost \$1 billion to \$2 billion.

Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, Michigan, top GOP foreign policy spokesman, called for full exploration of the arms issue—down to the last rifle to be shipped before Senate ratifies the treaty.

And Sen. Walter F. George (D. Ga.), a ranking Foreign Relations Committee member, has warned that the United States would be "playing with fire" if it sought through arms shipments to "intimidate" Russia or make the treaty into an out-and-out military alliance.

Senate leaders doubted that the pact would be ratified before late May because of demands for the fullest information about it and anticipated lengthy Senate debate.

Bus Strike and Carnival Prove Oak Ridge Is U. S. A.

U. S. Lowers Bars to Atom Town And 75,000 Flock to See Sights

By ALBERTA TRUROCK, United Press Staff Correspondent

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Mar. 19.—They tore down the fences around the war-secret atomic city of Oak Ridge today and 75,000 Americans jammed their way in for a look around.

The crowd was more than twice the population of the hitherto security-bound town for workers and officials of the big atomic laboratories. The visitors rode and tramped among the houses and stores of Oak Ridge in a day-long carnival-like celebration.

Except for a new atomic museum, the houses and stores were about all the spectators saw. The atomic laboratories, also a part of the 90,000-acre restricted area in the east Tennessee hills, were clamped under even tighter security regulations than before.

Visitors to Oak Ridge could not even see the outside of the laboratory buildings, thanks to 17 miles of new link chain fencing.

No Passes

Nobody was asked for passes or credentials. By mid-morning an estimated 15,000 had entered the city. By noon, when the three-hour parade started, the estimate was raised to 75,000. Traffic was snarled nearly everywhere.

Right now the town is having a bus strike. For nearly three weeks Oak Ridgeans have been hitching rides or picking up their fellow-towners if they were driving.

A commercial carnival, sponsored by the American Legion, drew heavy business. Hucksters were selling what they said were real badges the guards and firemen at Oak Ridge used to wear.

Come The Speeches

After the parade came the speeches. Chairman David E. Lilienthal of the Atomic Energy Commission urged a "common sense" approach to atomic security, and Vice President Alben Barkley said he is "looking to the day when we will use atomic energy for peace."

By today's public opening, the restricted area of Oak Ridge is reduced from 90,000 acres to 40,000. And from now on, residents of the war-born community can live more nearly normal lives. They won't have to show badges to get in and out of their home town, they can have visitors with no fuss at all; and in general can live at their homes just like people anywhere.

The government's restrictions on private business are being eased, too. Until today, a one-year lease was the longest anyone could get for a business establishment. Long-range leases are available now.

What Will the Future Bring?



Wabash Strike Called Fuse To More Tieups

Missouri Pacific Next on List, Union Indicates

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 19 (UP)—The five-day walkout of four operating brotherhoods against the Wabash Railroad is setting a pattern for settlement of grievances against other roads, strike leaders indicated today.

Some 4700 operating employees of the Missouri Pacific, key southwestern railway, voted last Dec. 15 to strike. Vice President W. C. Lash of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen disclosed. But he said the unions will not take up the dispute "until we get done with the Wabash."

Mr. Lash said the dispute with the Missouri Pacific involved "a bundle of grievances, just as in the case of the Wabash." Wages he said, are not at issue.

The Missouri Pacific employs about 30,000 workers. Two Texas subsidiaries of the road, employing an additional 10,000, are not involved in the dispute.

Miners See Gains In Stock Piles Shrink

PITTSBURGH, Mar. 19 (UP)—The United Mine Workers said today that miners "without question" approve of their two-week holiday and believe the lay-off will "pay dividends" when "contract-writing time comes around."

This warning to coal negotiators, who said they knew it all along was printed today in the Anthracite Tri-District News, official publication of the United Mine Workers in three hard-coal districts of northeastern Pennsylvania.

This is the mining region where producers have provided the liveliest active opposition to the two-week memorial and protest holiday called by John L. Lewis last Monday for 463,000 miners east of the Mississippi River.

More Work Seen

The publication said that "rank and file members were quick to point out that the move would put the organization in a more advantageous position when contract-writing time comes around and would ultimately pay dividends."

Anthracite producers would "likely" schedule full-time operations when the work stoppage ends, the news added, thus making up the two weeks wages lost to men who prior to last Monday were working an average of three days weekly.

One week idleness in the major part of the nation's mines had the following results:

ONE: Layoffs for two to three-week periods among 60,000 to 70,000 employees of Eastern coal-hauling railroads.

TWO: Reduction of the nation's coal stockpile from an estimated 6.7 million tons by some 11 million tons.

THREE: Spreading unemployment among Ohio River bargemen idled when employers had no coal to haul down stream from the Pennsylvania and West Virginia fields.

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