

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

GOP Takes Over 80th Congress; President Cuts Wartime Powers; Industrial Pay Reaches Peak

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Opening of 80th congress saw Republican majority in limelight. At top, Senators Vandenberg (Mich.), Wherry (Neb.) and White (Me.). In middle, Senators Robertson (Wyo.), Bricker (Ohio) and Taft (Ohio). Bottom, Senators Cain (Wash.), Thye (Minn.) and McCarthy (Wis.)

CONGRESS: Ready to Go

Taxes and labor legislation were scheduled for early consideration as the 80th congress convened under Republican leadership.

Veteran GOP luminaries held the reins as the session got underway. While seniority was acknowledged in the naming of the party's congressional command, the men named have proven their mettle in legislative wars and qualify for the positions.

One of the outstanding figures in the bi-partisan foreign policy developed by Secretary of State Byrnes, Arthur Vandenberg (Mich.) was the choice for president pro tem of the senate. Quiet, able Wallace White (Me.) took over the majority leadership of the senate while aggressive, conservative Kenneth Wherry (Neb.) was in line as the party whip in the upper chamber.

Joe Martin (Mass.) was the unanimous choice for speaker of the house but a battle developed for the majority leadership between the Taft and Dewey forces. Although charged with being a Dewey man, Charles A. Halleck (Ind.) vowed impartiality and obtained the position after a brief struggle. It is with the power of a majority leader to advance or push certain legislation, hence the importance of the post to factions seeking to build up their prestige.

LIVESTOCK: Halt Mexican Imports

Veterinarians were scheduled to check every Mexican animal imported into the U. S. since reopening of the border October 17 for the dreaded hoof and mouth disease following reports that the malady had broken out in three Mexican states.

At the same time, Republican congressmen revealed their intention to press President Truman's reopening of the border last fall in the effort to provide additional livestock to relieve the acute meat famine then prevailing. It was charged that Mexico never has eradicated the disease because of lax supervision of imports from other South American countries afflicted with the sickness.

Of seven outbreaks of the hoof and mouth disease in the U. S. since 1870, the last two occurred in 1924. Highly communicable, hoof and mouth disease blisters the feet and mouth of cattle, affecting their ability to move freely and eat normally.

WHITE HOUSE: Steals Thunder

Beating congress to the punch, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities to terminate government powers under 20 laws and mark 33 others for expiration within six months to five years. Loosely, the period of hostilities is supposed to cover actual fighting.

Mr. Truman did not call for an immediate cessation of the states of emergency proclaimed in 1939 and 1941 nor of the state of war, reveal-

POWER: Increase Service

The year 1946 was a period of phenomenal growth in the electric utility industry in the number of customers served, with nearly 2,000,000 new customers added.

Another high record established in 1946 was the increase of 100 kilowatt hours in average residential consumption of electricity to set an all time high average of 1,330 kilowatt hours used per customer.

POTATOES: Huge Loss

As much as 20 million bushels of government-owned potatoes may go to waste following U. S. support of the 1946 crop in the face of a sagging market.

Originally, the government held title to 100 million bushels as the result of a bumper harvest. Making good on its agreement to maintain prices at at least 90 per cent of parity, the U. S. bought substantial stocks and covered other commitments with loans, redeemable if the market rose. The huge waste is expected to follow from rotting of the potatoes in inadequate storage on the farms.

To escape total loss, the government resold millions of bushels to distillers and livestock feeders at bargain prices. Distillers of beverage and industrial alcohol bought over 26 million bushels. About 525,000 bushels were resold for export to famine areas, with the amount held down by perishability and high transport costs.

Public institutions and school lunch programs received about one million bushels of the surplus potatoes free.

U. N.: Pursue Disarmament

The question of disarmament proceeded on its labyrinthine course in the United Nations.

As a struggle shaped over formulation of an atomic control measure, the Russians asked the 11-nation security council to proceed full steam ahead on disarmament without waiting for final action on nuclear energy. Declaring that disarmament is the most important factor for strengthening peace and security, the Reds called for an agreement within three months at the latest.

Meanwhile, the pesky question of the veto snagged deliberations on control of atomic energy. While the United Nations' atomic energy commission approved of the U. S. plan and sent it to the security council to be worked out, Russia expressed opposition to the provision that no Big Five power be permitted to apply the veto to escape punishment for violating regulations. Since the Reds can use the veto in shaping control in the council, however, prolonged discussions loomed.

HOUSE: Assail Reds

Noting a softening in the Russian attitude following U. S. implementation of a "get tough" policy with the Soviets, the special house committee on postwar economic planning headed by Representative Colmer (Dem., Miss.) and dominated by Democrats, urged a further tightening of relations with Moscow until it meets its international obligations and agrees to full control of atomic energy.

Drawn after a group of committee members had toured Europe, Russia and the Middle East, the report declared that an affirmation of reports that the Soviets were using German plants for rearming would justify a renunciation of the Potsdam agreement and a demand for the Communists to vacate the eastern occupation zone. Pointing up Russian rearmament policies, the report stated that the Soviets were concentrating on development of heavy industry convertible for war in their new five year plan.

Until the Russians agreed to play ball with the Allies, the committee recommended that the U. S. withhold appreciable financial assistance from the Soviets, curb the extension of technical assistance and industrial exports, and license the sales of American firms to the Reds.

COLLEGE: Peak Enrollment

Taking full advantage of the G. I. bill of rights, vets constitute a large percentage of undergraduates attending educational institutions, a survey of 668 universities and colleges disclosed.

Compiled by Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati, the study showed that of 1,718,862 students at the 668 schools, 714,477 were ex G. I.s. In addition, 150,000 vets were enrolled at 650 junior colleges and thousands more at several hundred other schools, bringing the grand total of G. I.s. to slightly more than half of 2,000,000 students.

With ambitious vets availing themselves of generous educational opportunities, current full-time enrollments at the 668 top universities and colleges are at peak levels, the survey showed. Roughly, they are 57 per cent above the 1939 figure and twice that of 1945. Two men are enrolled to every woman whereas the wartime ratio was three women to two men.

DEBT: War Tells

Showing the effects of total war, the nation's indebtedness stood at 400.5 billion dollars at the end of 1945, according to a survey of the department of commerce.

While total debt doubled during the 1941-45 period, federal debt jumped five times. In 1945 alone, federal debt rose 42 billion dollars while state, municipal and private obligations declined 7 billion.

Star Dust

STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO
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 By VIRGINIA VALE

TIME was when a motion picture actor was just an actor; very few Hollywood stars went in for business enterprises on the side. But nowadays there's hardly one who isn't emulating Bing Crosby in making money earn money. Alan Ladd not long ago bought a partnership in a Santa Monica restaurant. And Bill Holden, while working in "Dear Ruth," joined Arthur Treacher, band leader, and radio producer Andrew G. Hickox in organizing Hickox Productions, Inc., a radio transcription company which will syndicate musical and dramatic shows to radio stations across the country. Oh yes—Holden also has invested money in a helicopter manufacturing concern.

Joyce Reynolds is back at Warner Bros. after an eighteen-months absence from movies. Her last pic-



JOYCE REYNOLDS

ture was "Janie"; her next one will be "The Wallflower," a comedy, based on the play of the same name. Robert Hutton will co-star.

Jack Baker has one of the oddest jobs in Hollywood; he makes plastic barnacles for all pier, dock and wharf sequences in Warner Bros. films. He also equips houses with artificial icicles—shapes them by hand from cellophane and silicate of soda, then dips them in alcohol to make them brittle. You'll see some of his best in Errol Flynn's "Never Say Goodbye."

Nanette Parks, who's been under contract to Paramount for the last year, received a wonderful present for her 21st birthday—the lead in "Catalina," a Technicolor musical. Sterling Hayden will be one of her leading men, and Olga San Juan, Cass Daley and Billy De Wolfe head the supporting cast. The picture is slated to go before the cameras very soon.

Considering the high price of bakery goods, it's disconcerting to learn that eight pies were wasted on the set of "It's a Wonderful Life," for a scene in which Todd Karns had to walk while balancing a pie on his head. After the eighth pie hit the dust the property man, Lou Hafely, deflated the pie tin and inserted two pins on each side for balance; the ninth pie stayed put.

It's no wonder that the girls like to work for Director Mitchell Leisen; stars like Paulette Goddard and Olivia de Havilland say they do, and more and more of the top notchers are asking to be assigned to his films. He's introduced a new method in "Suddenly It's Spring"—holds rehearsals without make-up for the first hour or two, so the girls don't have to report at the crack of dawn.

Bing Crosby, who has crooned in 47 languages, including Esperanto, will sing a typical Brazilian song in Portuguese in "Road to Rio"; his tutor is Louis Oliveira, who'll act as technical advisor on the picture. As in the four previous "Road" pictures, Crosby will be teamed with Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour, with Norman McLeod directing. Daniel Dare is producing for Paramount.

Most musical plays or films have not more than half a dozen new tunes, but nearly every Abbott and Costello air show this season has included a specially written musical number in which the theme dovetails with the story line of the Thursday NBC broadcast. To compose a special musical production each week is no small assignment.

RKO's tentatively titled "Kamikaze" will include confiscated Japanese film never before seen by the public. More than a million feet of the film were studied before the film used in the picture was decided on.

ODDS AND ENDS—"Juvenile Jury," filmed by Universal Pictures, has been released throughout the country.

Ed "Archie" Gardner has completed final sketches for his cartoon strip which will be based on the happenings at "Dolly's Tavern." Paulette Goddard's wardrobe in "Unconquered" is costing Paramount \$10,000. We're told—though she has the role of a slave girl, dressed mostly in bome spun. . . . When something good happens to Larry Haines of "Young Dr. Malone" he attributes it to the tie he's wearing and continues to wear the same one till his luck changes.

KID O'SULLIVAN SAYS

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Jewish Clock

Probably the only Jewish clock in existence today is on the facade of the Jewish Town Hall in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Its Hebraic right and its hands also move brew numerals are set from left counterclockwise.

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