

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

A Resume of Government Happenings in the National Capital

It is apparent that whatever labor bill passes congress will be written upon the floor of the house or senate and not within either of the two committees which have been conducting hearings for more than six weeks and still are unable to reach any agreement.

It is also obvious, despite the telephone strike and John L. Lewis' spurious coal strike which actually violates the court injunction and the supreme court edict upholding the lower court, that no "tough" labor bill will get by a presidential veto, and the GOP leadership does not believe it has the strength to pass a

labor bill over the presidential veto. So a labor bill, which is to be written from the floor by amendment to any bill which comes out of the committees, likely will outlaw jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts, force unions to publish memberships and financial standings and give employers equal voice with labor. There will be no ban on the closed shop or on industry-wide bargaining.

The appropriation bill ceiling is still stalemated and it looks now like a tax cut law will not get through the senate until sometime in late May or June. It likely will provide not more than a 10 per cent tax reduction for this year, maybe more for next year. As a matter of fact, treasury revenue is running far above estimates for this first quarter and not only will the administration be able to balance the budget by the end of this fiscal year, June 30, but likely there will be three

or four billion dollar surplus which no doubt will be applied on the national debt.

Fast action by the senate is expected on the President's request for a 400 billion dollar loan to Greece and Turkey. That this amount is a drop in the bucket as compared to loans and commitments already made and pending to foreign nations is evidenced in a study of budget bureau estimates. From July 1, 1945, to February 28, 1947, American aid plus aid authorized or pending before congress totals 15.8 billion dollars exclusive of payments to the International Monetary Fund and various short term credits. A summation of all foreign commitments from 1940 through 1946 shows that non-war foreign commitments of this government total almost 22 billion dollars.

In addition, the treasury still is carrying upon its books a total of \$11,619,000,000 in principal and \$3,573,000,000 in interest to January 1, 1947, in World War I debts from other countries.

The record shows that 12 different governmental agencies have given loans, credits, advances and financial aid to 76 foreign governments and entities since July 1, 1940.

So United States dollars have literally covered the world in the last six years. There is scarcely a country that has not received some sort of loan or credit, and many colonial possessions also are included. About 80 per cent of the direct loans, credits, advances and financial aid, however, has gone to countries and possessions of the British Commonwealth, to Latin American, to France, China and the Netherlands and possessions.

These postwar foreign credits were split as follows: British Commonwealth, \$5,032,000,000; France and possessions, \$1,953,000,000; South American republics, \$1,775,000,000; China, \$805,000,000; Netherlands and possessions, \$755,000,000; other nations, \$1,704,000,000.

According to the records, this country, Great Britain and UNRRA already have put something like a billion dollars into Greece in the last six years. British expenditures are estimated the equivalent of \$500,000,000 and UNRRA about \$400,000,000 and another \$400,000,000 from the USA in private relief. In addition, the export-import bank granted Greece a loan of \$25,000,000 and the Maritime and Foreign Liquidation commissions have extended property credits amounting to \$45,000,000 each.

Exclusive of lend-lease aid supplies during the war, Turkey has received American credits of more than \$50,000,000 of which \$38,000,000 is a loan from export-import bank, \$10,000,000 in property credits from Foreign Liquidation commission, and about \$3,000,000 from the Maritime commission.

The Greco-Turkish aid bill came out of the senate foreign relations committee with a unanimous report for passage and the senate is expected to pass it also, but with several qualifying and protective amendments and with due regard for the United Nations.

GOP Will Make Labor Bill Tough

Washington, April 28—Senator Ellender, Democrat, of Louisiana, seeking to halt a drive to toughen up the senate union-curbing bill, told his colleagues today that the measure as it stands will "remedy the most obnoxious evils."

But, as senate debate resumed, Senator Wherry, Republican, Nebraska, informed reporters a poll of senate Republicans indicated strong support for at least three of four amendments urged by Senators Taft and Ball. These would:

- 1. Prohibit unions from interfering with workers in their choice of unions.
2. Forbid national unions to dictate terms to their locals.
3. Outlaw union-administered health and welfare funds.

Wherry said indications are the going will be roughest on the fourth amendment, which would authorize private employers to petition for court injunctions to block jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts.

The most common type of jurisdictional strike stems from a dispute between unions as to which should do certain work. A secondary boycott is the refusal by a union to handle products of another group of workers.

THE MEANEST MAN

Philadelphia—Mrs. Marjorie Crumrine is a blind teacher of the blind. Someone poisoned her Seeing-Eye dog two weeks ago but two children have offered her their German shepherd dog. It will be some time before the new dog can be trained if it is accepted by the Seeing-Eye people.

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Dorman Bros. Circus Coming Next Week

Hurrah! It will soon be circus time. The Dorman Bros. Circus with Mrs. Tom Mix, famed screen and rodeo star, is coming to Boone on May 8 for two complete performances on Muster Field. It will be autograph day for the children with Mrs. Tom Mix at the children's special matinee.

Circus will arrive in town early morning of circus day and spectators are invited to watch the erection of the big top and many other tents that are required to house the people and equipment.

Among the many headliners with the big show this season will be Mrs. Tom Mix, widow of the idol of millions of American boys and girls. Miss Pearl Snyder with her Hollywood horses, the remains unchallenged as the foremost cowgirl equestrienne and who will thrill the crowds with her daring and fearless feats of horsemanship at each performance.

Also there will be Bernice Kelly, beautiful dancing lady of the tight wire; Miss La Tell, queen of the high swinging trapeze; the Hartley Duo, lovely lady atop a lofty perch pole supported by male partner; and the Moreen Troupe of acrobats twisting, somersaulting, and catapulting through the air onto shoulders, into barrels, and chairs. Artists who have grown to their present greatness by training from childhood.

On hand to thrill the youngsters and oldsters will be Captain Kelly with his dogs and ponies, which were featured at the New York's World fair.

This circus also carries a big sideshow annex filled with human oddities gathered from the remote corners of the earth and it will open its doors to the patrons early to allow ample time to visit same before the main big performance starts. The big performance will start at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. doors opening at 1 p. m. and 7 p. m.

PICTURE VAMPS THIEF

Paris—In explaining why he stole a Sixteenth Century copy of Leonardo da Vinci's famous "Mona Lisa," which hangs in the Louvre, a 23-year-old Frenchman told police, "That smile and those eyes made me lose my head." The painting, valued at about \$25,000, was recovered.

Watauga Club Does Good Work

A 4-H club which deserves a lot of credit for the work it has done during the past year and a half is the Rutherford junior club of Boone, R. F. D. No. 2. The group, composed entirely of fifth and sixth grade pupils under 12 years, have well proved their interest in the betterment of their local schools.

This is the story told by Miss Betty R. Matheson, assistant home demonstration agent in Watauga county for the State College extension service.

In the fall of 1945, this group of youngsters, led by Mrs. China Lavender, one of the teachers in their school, began to feel stronger than ever the need for a school lunchroom. The idea of sponsoring entertainments was decided upon as a means of raising funds and after enough money was raised the group went to work fixing up the place that was to be their lunchroom.

When the room opened about the first of the year, the girls helped to prepare the food and fixed the tables, on which they kept an attractive centerpiece of some kind all the time. They helped with the serving of the food and the cleaning up afterwards. Although there was not a boys' club last year the boys also came in for their share of the work, helping with the painting, carrying water, and keeping the woodbox filled.

After completing the work on the lunchroom, they went to work on their schoolroom, painting the entire room, making and installing new bulletin boards, new bookcases and putting up new curtains.

Since federal aid was taken from the lunchrooms they have not had a worker in the lunchroom but have continued to have good, well-balanced lunches at the same price as before, Miss Matheson says.

CAN'T PLAY BASEBALL

San Mateo, Calif.—Jimmy Kenney was born without arms, but at the age of thirteen he does all of his school work with his feet. He also eats by holding his fork and knife with his toes. Jimmy even attends parties and dances with the girls who place their hands on his hips.

Approximately 9,242,000 people were at work on farms of the nation in the week ending April 1.

North Carolina farmers produced the largest flue cured tobacco crop on record in 1946 along with the highest yield per acre in history. Swine producers are warned to use particular care in handling new born pigs this spring, because of the danger in contracting swine brucellosis.

Dorman Brothers COMBINED CIRCUS. FEATURING MRS. TOM MIX and her cowboys and cowgirls THE MOREEN TROUPE International Teeterboard Artists CAPT. KELLY and His Animals MISS BERNICE Queen of the Tight Wire and Many Other Stars of the Circus BOONE, THURSDAY MAY 8 MATINEE AND EVENING 3 - 8 P. M. DOORS OPEN 1 HOUR EARLIER

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