

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

New Taft-Hartley Battle Looms; Solons Ridicule Recession Idea; Dictator Feared in Defense Plan

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TAFT-HARTLEY:

Another Try

The administration hadn't given up, despite a humiliating setback in the senate by Taft-Hartley law supporters. It was reported that President Truman's congressional aides were planning another try at repealing the measure, but had reached no decision.

THIS CAME to light after House Speaker Sam Rayburn concluded a conference with the President. The decision on a new repealer effort was to await further conferences with labor committee members in both houses.

While the persistence of the administration might be commendable, the wisdom in any further effort toward a Taft-Hartley repealer was doubtful. A majority of top leaders had conceded there was little hope of getting the bill changed at this session of congress, and all, including administration leaders, were willing to make the question an issue in the 1950 congressional elections.

THE RESULT of the vote on changing the Taft-Hartley labor law was confusing to the average observer of the political scene. If labor had played as important a part as it was conceded in the election of President Truman—and with congressional elections up next year—how could so many senators have found the courage to fly into the face of what might seem certain defeat?

On the other hand, if labor's role in politics is as negligible as others claim, why was the administration pressing so hard for the Taft-Hartley repealer. One thing appeared certain: There were many congressmen sufficiently unimpressed with labor's political importance that they didn't mind going contrary to labor's wishes on the Taft-Hartley issue.

RECESSION:

Ho, Ho, Ho!

With unemployment figures standing at the highest peak in 11 years, and many national organizations and national leaders casting about for a bulwark against economic hazards, congressional leaders were laughing at the idea the nation might be edging into a depression. THEY had just conferred with President Truman and upon emerging from the conference ridiculed the notion that all might not be as rosy as possible with the nation's economic picture.

If the lawmakers were out on a limb, they were way out, for House Speaker Rayburn and the senate Democratic leader, Scott Lucas, minced no words in expressing their optimism.

"WITH 58 million people employed in industry and 30 million farmers with money to pay for whatever they need, I'll be—I see how you can call it a recession," Rayburn declared.

Said Lucas: "If it is, it's the most prosperous one we've ever experienced."

MEANWHILE, it was said President Truman was preparing a special economic message for delivery to congress. It was expected to carry recommendations for dealing with declining prices and the unemployment situation.

Out of all this came repetition of the additional-taxes proposal. Asked about that, Rayburn said it had yet to be determined. He did not make it clear whether he meant President Truman is reconsidering his plea for four billion dollars in additional taxes a year, or whether the matter is still up in the air in congress.

NEW HOMES:

More Cash

Buyers planning to finance homes through FHA-insured mortgages may have to make larger down payments from now on. THE federal housing administration had cautioned its underwriters to consider declining construction costs when appraising houses for insured loans.

The result, the agency said, would be lower mortgages on many new homes. If the builder fails to cut his selling price in line with lower costs, the down payment will be higher.

THE decline in building costs and materials have been noted since late last year, the underwriters were told. Most materials are plentiful, it was said, and production rates of workers in many sections have improved.

MUNICIPAL INCOME

Property Tax Declines as Revenue Source

American cities were facing an unpleasant fact—general property taxation as a source of revenue was proving inadequate to meet municipal needs.

The International City Managers' association reported the finding after a survey of municipal-revenue sources. Data was gathered from census returns and from reporting members.

Newlyweds



Governor Fuller Warren of Florida and a honey blonde daughter of California, the former Barbara Manning, are shown as they left the reception following their wedding in California.

DEFENSE: Dictator Feared

In nearly all discussions concerning unification of the nation's armed services, one thing stood out—many congressmen feared the possibility of a "military dictator" if framers of a unification bill weren't careful.

THIS feeling was put into words by Georgia's Representative Vinson who proposed several amendments to the pending bill, declaring that he wanted to make sure no military dictator ever arises in the United States. Vinson, a Democrat, is chairman of the house armed services committee.

The amendments he proposed would take the armed forces out from beyond the recently enacted government reorganization law, and put them beyond a shuffling by President Truman; put a civilian chairman over the joint chiefs of staff, a body which includes the highest officers of the army, navy and air force, and fix the membership of the national security council by law, requiring that other members be subject to approval by the senate.

THESE AMENDMENTS were proposed to a unification bill which already has passed the senate. The measure is one which would increase the direct authority of the secretary of defense over the armed forces.

Louis Johnson, who holds that post, has told the house committee he needs that authority to make the 1947 unification act work. He pledged to save over a billion dollars a year in operation of the military services if the bill were passed, and a civilian manager put in charge.

INTELLECT: Women's Best?

If two Indiana university professors are to be believed, then the male of the species must face an unpleasant fact—namely, that girls (or women) can reason better than boys (or men).

THE professorial gentlemen claimed, and cited figures for proof, that the female is the superior of the male in the reasoning department, and this despite ten million jokes, books, philosophical discourses and general experience to the contrary.

The professors say unequivocally that given a set of circumstances, the lassies can come up with more logical answers than boys can do. These gentlemen are Dr. William H. Fox and Prof. Nicholas A. Fatou of the research division of Indiana university's school of education.

They made the tests in two high schools, one in a city of 11,000 in north central Indiana, and the other in a consolidated rural school near Indianapolis.

TO USE the professors' own words in the report: "Scores on the interpretation of date test, seeking to establish their relationship to measures of achievement, personality and interest, found no differentiation . . . but there was a clear cut advantage for girls in both schools in ability to reason, to see relationships, to make comparisons and to suspend judgment until pertinent facts are collected."

To which many a male will counter: Too bad they seem to lose those faculties when they grow up.

CORN:

Reaching Up

" . . . And the corn is as high as an elephant's eye . . ." Those lines from a hit tune from the musical "Oklahoma!" give an indication of the jubilation in the corn country when the stalks are high, and more than a hint of the crop's importance.

THE federal government also is acutely conscious of the importance of the corn crop to the nation's economy—so when it was reported that this year's corn crop was reaching for the skies, there was general rejoicing.

It is traditional with the men who grow corn that if the stalks are "knee high by the Fourth of July" an excellent crop is in prospect. But this year, if that adage were true, the abundance of the crop would be amazing. For by July Fourth, the corn stood not just "knee high," but almost shoulder high. From all sections of the major corn belt—extending from Ohio westward to Nebraska—the word was the same: the corn crop was off to an excellent start.

GRAIN experts considered it possible that last year's fabulous crop of three billion, 850 million bushels might be topped by the 1949 crop. Last year's crop had much to do with cracking the postwar agricultural price inflation and is believed by many to have played a key part in keeping Thomas E. Dewey out of the White House.

While prospects were considered splendid, the cautious were knocking on wood for two reasons. These were that Iowa and Illinois both have extensive corn-borer infestation, and subsoil moisture was deficient in some areas, making the crop more dependant than usual on good rains in July and August.

TOKYO ROSE:

Sitting Pretty

Whatever had been her effect in bringing death to American GI's in the South Pacific, there was to be no death penalty for Mrs. Iva D'Aquino—known to the world as Tokyo Rose.

SHE was on trial in San Francisco on a charge of treason because the government of the United States contends she broadcasted to the Japanese in the "hope to demoralize and discourage allied military men and to impair the ability of the United States to wage war against its enemies."

In a manner of speaking, Tokyo Rose was sitting pretty. The government prosecutors said they would not ask for the death penalty, so all the woman faced was imprisonment and fine or possibly both.

A newspaper story of her arraignment said she wore a "tailored gray mixed plaid suit with gilded buttons. Her freshly-shampooed hair was topped with a gold beret. She sat demurely at her attorney's elbow as if she were his secretary."

ALL throughout the war there were mixed claims about her influence on GI morale. Many servicemen declared they "got a kick out of her broadcasts—chiefly for laughs," while others blamed her for widespread demoralization among the Allied personnel.

In view of the Judy Coplon conviction on a charge of treason in connection with the Russian government, things might go hard with Tokyo Rose in the length-of-term department; but with the specter of death removed as punishment for a crime for which death might well have been expected, the blow couldn't be too severe.

Heave-Ho!



Julian Wilson, Cleveland newspaper photographer, is almost in the news as often as he photographs it. Here he is getting the old heave-ho from the Cleveland ball park after dispute with umpires Art Passarella and Eddie Rommel about how far he should venture onto the field.

NEW PARTY:

Target: Poverty

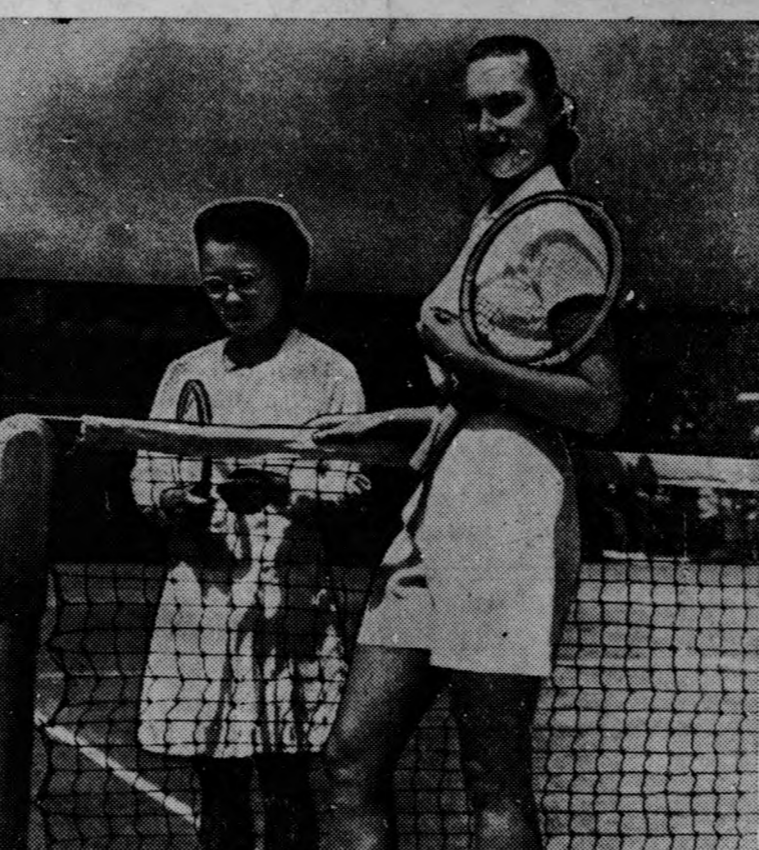
Like an item from the past was an announcement from Columbus, Ohio, that the Townsend Clubs had decided to establish a new political party in the United States. Not too long ago the nation's press was full of stories of the Townsend movement—a drive by Dr. Francis E. Townsend and his followers to obtain a nice pension for everyone over 60 years of age. It drew many followers and was a political factor.



"LITTLE JOE"—AND TWICE! . . . Two men who "rolled fours" in fatherhood congratulate each other while their quadruplets become acquainted. While Charles Collins (left), dad of the Bronx, N. Y., four-some, and Joseph Cirimello, father of quartette from Arlington, Va., light up a brace of cigars in background, the four Cirimellos, now 4½ years old, inspect the Collins four.



WAR ACE ENTERS COLLEGE . . . Captain Don S. Gentile, USAF, (right) of Piqua, Ohio, ace of World War II, prepares to register as student with Col. H. C. Griswold, dean of military science at the University of Maryland. Captain Gentile, who destroyed 25 enemy planes in the air and seven on the ground, served with the 8th air force during the war.



PIONEER RED . . . One of the pioneers of the Communist movement in Hungary, Mrs. Anna Rakko, former textile worker, has become the first woman to be raised to cabinet rank in the new Red-dominated cabinet.



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BEAUTY CROWNS BEAUTY . . . Shirley Galloway of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is crowned queen of the 1949 intercollegiate rowing classic at Poughkeepsie by Shirley Dickerson, last year's queen.



AGE BEFORE BEAUTY . . . Extremes meet at Philadelphia zoo as month-old coyote pup, youngest member of the zoo, looks askance at a musk turtle, the oldest member. The turtle was picked up in the Schuylkill river in 1895.



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LITTLE FLOWER, LARGE VASE . . . Six-year-old Linda Wright with five-foot handmade glass vase made for Henry Clay. Collecting handmade glassware is the American woman's number one hobby.

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND
DREW PEARSON

Economy Talked

PRESIDENT TRUMAN discussed plans for fortifying the nation's economy against depression in a recent off-the-record talk with six Democratic senators and congressmen.

Only a meager announcement leaked out to the press, but here are the highlights of what happened. A program of "economic expansion" was proposed that may affect the future of every American.

President Truman greeted the congressional group by saying: "I think I am way ahead of you on this."

Then he pulled several charts out of his top, right-hand drawer showing the latest national statistics on prices, wages, profits and production up to the end of May.

He admitted that the first symptoms of depression are beginning to show and agreed that the best plan is to attack any "mild break" in the economy to stop it from spreading. He stressed, however, that he is not worried about depression—as long as each problem is met before it grows into a crisis.

Livestock Loans

The legislators who called on the President were Senators James Murray of Montana, Elbert Thomas of Utah, John Sparkman of Alabama, Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Congressman Andy Biemer of Wisconsin and Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas of California—all Democrats.

At the top of the five-point "economic expansion" program they urged on Truman was promotion of private investment and production by offering FHA-type loans to build plants. Private enterprise, they agreed, is the key to a healthy economy. The legislators also recommended:

1. A national advisory board, combining the business, labor, agriculture and consumer committees that now exist separately;
2. Measures to deal directly with serious unemployment wherever and whenever it develops;
3. Long-range planning for public works and resource development;
4. Voluntary adjustments in purchasing power.

Truman said he couldn't endorse the program without studying the details, but remarked: "You are my kind of folks."

Their kind of thinking, he added, had always coincided with his own. It had been his belief and policy to ease off inflation controls gradually and give the economy a chance to adjust itself. But the G.O.P.-controlled 80th congress scrapped all controls at once, let prices and profits soar unchecked; then, as a last straw, passed a "rich man's" tax bill.

"That was no time for a rich man's tax bill—when profits were at their highest," Truman shook his head.

The inevitable result was "economic dislocation," the President declared. From such dizzy heights, it would only be natural for prices, profits, wages and production to come crashing down. Therefore, he said, the government must throw roadblocks in the way to prevent stampeding the economy into depression. If the public doesn't get panicky, Truman added, there is no danger of depression.

Dixiecrat Postmasters

South Carolina's wily Sen. Olin Johnston reversed the tables on President Truman the other day and applied some sly counter-pressure to get postmasters appointed in his state.

It is no secret that the President has been holding up appointments to punish southern senators and congressmen who have opposed his program. But what the White House didn't take into account is that Johnston happens to be chairman of the senate post office committee which must pass on all postmaster appointments.

So the South Carolinian sidled up to Sen. Howard McGrath, Democratic national chairman, and later to Senate Secretary Les Biffle, the President's close friend. Drawing sweetly, Johnston let it be known that he was disturbed over not getting postmasters for South Carolina, and hinted that maybe he would just block all appointments until those for his own state came through.

Johnston allowed time for his remarks to pass on to the White House, then called for an appointment. When he was ushered into the President's office, he talked about other matters. Then he mentioned casually: "I notice a lot of postmasters lately, but my state hasn't gotten any."

Wouldn't the President, please, he asked, look into the matter? Scratching a note on his pad, Truman replied: "Yes, we'll attend to that right away."

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