

Chairman Accused Of 'Influence Peddling'

WASHINGTON, March 13—(AP)—Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D-Ohio) today accused Republican National Chairman Guy Gabrielson of "influence peddling," saying Gabrielson obtained \$18,500,000 in federal loans for his own company and charged \$100,000 for his services.

"It seems Mr. Gabrielson has been doing a little influence peddling himself," Hays told the House.

Hays also declared that two senators put on pressure to get Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans for Gabrielson's firm, the Carthage Hydrocol Co.

When Hays left the House floor, a newsman asked him the names of the senators. He refused to identify them publicly then but said he would do so on a radio program over MBS at 10 p.m., E.S.T., tonight.

Gabrielson could not be reached immediately for comment. His office said he was en route by train from New York to Washington.

Martin Blasts Reply

Hays' accusation drew an angry counter blast from Rep. Martin (R-Mass.), the House GOP leader, who said the story of Gabrielson's RFC loans was aired in a Senate report last year.

Martin said there was no fraud involved and "no such intimidation."

Pointing his finger at Hays, Martin said Republicans want a complete investigation of influence-peddling charges whether it

hits Democrats or Republicans.

Hays Has Information

On the House floor, Rep. Hays said he had received information that testimony taken by the Fulbright subcommittee would show GOP chairman Gabrielson secured RFC loans of \$9,000,000, \$3,500,000 and \$6,000,000 for the Carthage Hydrocol Co. between April 8, 1946, and April, 1949.

Gabrielson is President of the Carthage company.

"It seems that Mr. Guy Gabrielson has been doing a little influence peddling himself at RFC," Hays said, "since his testimony would tend to show he charged his own company, Carthage Hydrocol, \$100,000 for his services in securing these loans for it."

Management Studies New Gvt. Proposal

WASHINGTON, March 13—(AP)—A formula for bringing union leaders back into the mobilization program has been approved by union representatives and is being studied by management, informed sources reported today.

The compromise was described as a proposal to double the strength of the Wage Stabilization board, giving it 18 members and empowering them to settle a broad field of labor disputes. At present the board is only a policy-making group.

Acceptance has been voted by the united labor policy committee, the sources said. This body speaks for the CIO, the AFL and some other major labor groups.

Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston is reported to be in favor of the compromise.

Committee Tables 'Troops' Amendment To Draft Bill

WASHINGTON, March 13—(AP)—The House Armed Services committee refused today to tie onto the draft and Universal Military Training bill a rule against sending American troops to Europe without the direct consent of Congress.

The vote was 21 to 14 to table an amendment by Rep. Towe (R-N.J.) There is no debate on such a motion. There

Reds Trade Space For More Time

TOKYO, Wednesday, March 14—(AP)—Chinese Communist forces Tuesday traded space for time to build a new mountain line in central Korea, breaking off contact along most of a 70-mile front.

Allied air and artillery hammered the retreating Reds. Allied ground troops moved up to within 22 miles of the 38th parallel without determined opposition.

Heavy Communist supply movements from both northwest and northeast Korea toward the battlefield were reported, however. More than 1,500 vehicles were sighted in the past 48-hours, hinting that a big new battle still may be brewing just south of the 38th parallel.

Reds Defend Highway

Front dispatches said the Reds seemed intent on defending an east-west lateral highway running from the battered Communist-held capital of Seoul in the west, through the central Korean base of Chunchon to the east coast.

Chunchon, is eight miles south of the old political boundary between North and South Korea, and 14 miles northwest of Hingchon. Hingchon is the Red army corps headquarters and assembly area now menaced by three converging allied columns from the right, left and center.

Chinese Yield Ridge

In pulling back the Chinese yielded without a fight a strategic crest of ridges and hills south of Hingchon. It was from this line that the Reds tried to burst through at Wonju and Chipyeong into southeast Korea in a bloody repulsed mid-February offensive.

were strong indications, however, that heated discussion of the Republican-backed plan was only postponed until the legislation comes up in the House itself.

That may come this week. Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.), who announced today's action after a closed meeting, said he hopes to get the bill out of the the committee tomorrow.

Big Obstacle Removed

The tabling of the Towe amendment, presumably killing it as far as the committee is concerned, got one of the last big obstacles out of the way of final action on the measure by the committee.

That group, considering the bill section by section already has stamped approval on its provisions lowering the draft age from 19 to 18½ years, extending draftees' service from 21 to 26 months, and setting up a Universal Training program to take effect when the present emergency need for actual service by draftees has passed.

Senate Bill Is Similar

The Senate has passed a generally similar bill for drafting at 18, with those nearest 19 to go first, and a service term of 24 months.

Perhaps the highest hurdle remaining in the bill's House committee path is a section, already in it, setting a ceiling of 4,000,000 on manpower in the nation's armed forces.

Speech Club Hears Guest

Iline Fife and Margaret Raabe, both assistant professors in the Department of Speech, were guest speakers at the Graduate Speech club symposium last Sunday evening at the Hugh Beaver room in Old Main.

Miss Fife, who received her Ph.D. at the Louisiana State university, spoke on the subject of her dissertation, "Drama in the South During the Civil War." Dr. Fife said, "The theater throughout the Confederacy flourished during that period like it never had before and as it never has since."

Miss Raabe, staff member of the Speech and Hearing clinic, summarized her visit to the John Tracey clinic, a non-profit organization directed by Mrs. Spencer Tracey, wife of the actor.

The clinic, named after their son who suffered a hearing loss, is designed to teach parents how to train their hard-of-hearing children.

Costello Balks At Questioning

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP)—Camera shy Frank Costello balked at Senate crime probers' questions today for fear he might lay himself open to deportation or income tax troubles.

The big-time gambler specifically refused to say how much money he is worth.

Costello also refused to appear on television and made the refusal stick. He said he didn't want to make a spectacle of himself.

Spectators See Hands

As a result, hundreds of thousands of TV spectators to the Senate crime committee's biggest hearing yet saw nothing but the well-manicured hands of Costello—the man the investigators have termed the nation's top crime syndicate leader. His face was not shown.

The hands fidgeted endlessly on TV screens while Costello testified in a squeaky, nervous voice, laced occasionally with the accent of his native Italy.

Voice Broke

Costello's voice broke at times, apparently as a result of an attack of laryngitis for which he said he was being treated.

Costello, through his attorney, George Wolf, described himself as outraged by the senate committee's interim report a few days ago that branded him a national crime syndicate leader.

Agricultural Engineers To Hear Ag Official

The American Society of Agricultural Engineers will hold its meeting tonight at 7 o'clock in 105 Agricultural Engineering building.

The speaker for the evening, James Wise, District Conservationist for the United States Department of Agriculture, will talk on the topic of soil conservation in the east.

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House Ups Gambling Penalties

HARRISBURG, March 13—(AP)—A proposed new criminal code for Pennsylvania, increasing penalties for gambling, passed the House today without excitement. An expected flurry failed to develop.

"Gamblers and racketeers apparently were afraid to oppose this bill after my threat of retaliation," commented ep. Edwin W. Tompkins (R-Cameron) co-sponsor of the bill.

Consolidates Laws

The measure, sent to the Senate for action, consolidates into one package hundreds of criminal laws dating back to colonial days. It increases the penalties for many other crimes in addition to gambling.

Tompkins said last week he expected gambling interests to oppose the measure. He warned then he would expose on the floor of the House "any evidence of gambling interference I find."

"I think they (gamblers) realized we were prepared for them and decided to lay off," Tompkins said today, adding: "They may be planning to hit at the bill when it gets to the Senate."

On gambling, the bill doubles the penalty to a maximum of \$1,000 fine and a year in jail. Bookmakers would be subject to \$1,000 in fines or two years in jail. The same penalties would be imposed on anyone receiving or holding bets. Slot machines and punchboards are named as gambling devices.

Veterans' Bonus

A bill was introduced in the House to impose a tax of one cent a gallon on fuel oil used in the state. The revenue would be earmarked specifically to pay the cost of the world war two veterans' bonus. An estimate was unavailable of the amount of revenue such a tax would produce. But all sources contacted agreed it would be considerable.

Phi Sigma Iota Meets Tonight in McElwain

"A Literary Analysis of Unamuno's Novels" will be presented by Kenneth Ness at a meeting of Phi Sigma Iota, Romance languages honorary, at 7:30 tonight in the McElwain study lounge.

Mrs. Martha Skaggs will present the second paper, "An Evaluation of Spanish Literature for Children." A short business meeting will precede the papers, and refreshments will be served afterward.

Red Embassy Is Linked To Atom Secret Theft

NEW YORK, March 13—(AP)—The Russian embassy in Mexico City was linked in testimony today to a spy ring accused of stealing some top United States atom bomb secrets.

Former Army Sgt. David Greenglass, 29, a confessed member of the ring, described the embassy as the key point in an escape route for spies when the FBI got too close on their trail.

Greenglass said he was instructed specifically by his brother-in-law, Julius Rosenberg, an accused spy, in the procedure for contacting the Russian ambassador in Mexico last June.

Rosenberg, 33, an electrical engineer, is on trial in federal court with his wife, Ethel, 35 (Greenglass' sister), and radar expert Morton Sobell, 33, on a charge of conspiring to spy for Russia.

The witness said Rosenberg became alarmed after the arrests of Dr. Klaus Fuchs in England and Philadelphia chemist Harry Gold in the United States on espionage charges.

Greenglass, who previously was employed on the atom bomb project at Los Alamos, N.M., said

Rosenberg told him to leave the country "as soon as possible."

Greenglass said Rosenberg gave him these detailed instructions: Go to Mexico City. Write to the Russian ambassador. Say something favorable in the letter about the Soviet position in the United Nations and sign it "I. Jackson."

Three days later go to the statue of Columbus in Mexico City with a travel guide. You will be approached by a "contact" man. Comment to him that "it is a magnificent statue" and add that you are from Oklahoma.

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