

House Votes to Shelve UMT Bill, 236-162

Bill Not Likely To Be Passed This Year

WASHINGTON, March 4—(AP)—The House voted 236 to 162 tonight to send the administration-backed Universal Military Training bill back to committee—just about wiping out any chance that the hotly controversial measure can be passed this year.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) of the Armed Services committee told reporters after the administration defeat:

"I'm not going to call up any more UMT legislation at this session."

Truman Endorsed Bill

The bill would have made able-bodied youths liable to six months of military training as soon as they reached the age of 18. In addition, it would have kept them in the reserves, and subject to recall, for seven and one-half years after their training was finished.

President Truman and most military leaders, including Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, endorsed the bill. A number of church, farm, educational and other organizations waged a strong campaign against it.

Probably Killed

Today's final vote came after six hours of often stormy debate and complex parliamentary maneuvering.

While the House Armed Services committee still can bring the measure to the floor for another vote at this session, administration leaders conceded in advance that a vote to recommit would probably kill the bill for the remainder of this year and perhaps for several years to come.

Today's vote likewise was expected to sidetrack Senate consideration of similar UMT legislation.

Voting to send the House bill back to committee were 155 Republicans and 81 Democrats. Against the motion were 131 Democrats, 30 Republicans and one independent.

The World At a Glance

Italian Reds

ROME, March 4—(AP)—Italy's Communist party said today it will ask Parliament to nationalize the power and steel industry. The Reds will also propose free medical service and a government-home building program to provide three million rooms.

Crash Report

NICE, France, March 4—(AP)—Official investigators said today in a preliminary report that mechanical failures appear to have caused the crash of an Air France plane yesterday in which 37 of the 38 persons aboard were killed.

Truck Warfare

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 4—(AP)—Declaring "these overweight trucks are getting out of hand," a State Police captain today warred on overloads with a record-breaking 1,534 arrests in a one-week period.

Moran Sentenced

NEW YORK, March 4—(AP)—James J. Moran, who flourished as a shakedown artist during ex-Mayor William O'Dwyer's Democratic regime drew 12½ to 28 years in prison today for extortion and conspiracy.

Brazilian Wreck

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 4—(AP)—A freak train wreck on a bridge over the flooded Pavuna River killed 100 persons and injured about 200 today.

As two electric trains approached at 50 miles an hour from opposite ends of the bridge, three wooden coaches of one train derailed, swung across the tracks of the other and were sheared into kindling wood.

The wreck was the worst train disaster in Brazil's history.

Attempts Cabinet



ANTOINE PINAY, 60-year-old Conservative, will attempt to form a new cabinet to get France out of its political and financial jam. Pinay was Transport Minister in the outgoing cabinet of Edgar Faure. (AP Telemat)

Court to Decide If MacArthur May Drop Name

HARRISBURG, March 4—(AP)—The Dauphin County court was asked today to decide whether Gen. Douglas MacArthur can legally withdraw his name from Pennsylvania's presidential preference primary.

Judge Karl E. Richards promised a speedy decision, probably tomorrow, after hearing argument on the question by a group of MacArthur's supporters and a deputy attorney general.

A fighters-for-MacArthur group, headed by John G. Davis, Yeadon, entered MacArthur's name in the April 22 primary without his consent. The State Election Bureau later dropped the name from the ballot at the general's personal request.

Iron Curtain Nations Sent Truman Plea

WASHINGTON, March 4—(AP)—President Truman broadcast a fervent peace plea today to the hundreds of millions who live under Communist rule.

In an unprecedented address from the deck of the Voice of America's new floating radio transmitter, the President aimed over the heads of the men in the Kremlin this message to the common people under their domination:

"We are your friends. There are no differences between us that cannot be settled if your rulers turn from their senseless policy of hate and terror, and follow the principles of peace."

46 Languages Broadcast

He added: "We know that if you were free to say what you really believe, you would join us to banish the fear of war, and bring peace to the earth."

Powerful transmitters beamed the President's words in 46 languages toward most nations of the earth. But in many countries, Red engineers were prepared to "jam" the broadcasts and prevent his message from reaching many of those to whom it was addressed.

150,000-Watt Station

That's a situation which the "Courier," from whose mist-covered deck Truman spoke, is intended to correct.

"It's a Coast Guard cutter, smaller than a destroyer, which has been turned into a roving 150,000-watt broadcasting station capable of cruising near enough to Russia to hammer its messages deep into the Soviet heartland."

The "Courier" is three times as powerful as the largest commercial broadcasting stations in this country, and can be heard over a 1000-mile radius.

The Aeolian isle alluded to in the Odyssey has been said to the island, associated with Roberto Rossellini, called Stromboli.

Reds Insist 50,000 PW's 'Do Not Exist'

MUNSAN, Wednesday, March 5—(AP)—Communist truce negotiators insisted Tuesday that 50,000 unaccounted for South Korean prisoners "do not exist" but Red propaganda loudspeakers on the front lines flatly contradicted them.

Between artillery barrages, the Red loudspeakers boasted that captured South Korean troops now were fighting against the United Nations and blared this invitation to other Republican troops: "Come to us."

The UN command again demanded the Communist supply data on the missing 50,000 Southern Korean troops and include them in any prisoner exchange. No progress was made Tuesday. The Reds refused to give up their insistence on Russia as a neutral truce inspector.

The Allies were equally firm in insisting on voluntary repatriation of war prisoners and said they would not send back to the Reds any prisoners who did not wish to go.

Dean's Coffee Hour

The honorary and professional organizations on campus will be represented at the Dean of Men's Coffee Hour at 4:30 p.m. today in 109 Old Main. Thirty of the 55 persons invited are representatives of those organizations.

UN to Get Dominican Complaint on Red Subs

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, March 4—(AP)—The Dominican Republic's secretary of war said today his country will complain to the UN Security Council that Russian submarines have violated Dominican territorial waters.

Gen. Hector Trujillo Molina said the move in the UN will be made "after conclusion of the official investigation into the presence of the (Russian) submarines in Dominican territorial waters without prior permission."

The Dominican government announced yesterday that five Russian submarines had been sighted in Dominican waters and at a point 80 miles from Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

The subs caused "alarm and restlessness" in the Dominican Republic, Trujillo said.

In Washington, the U.S. Navy changed its earlier attitude which discounted the story and announced that Rear Adm. Marshall R. Grier, commander of the Caribbean sea frontier, has been asked to investigate and report.

The mysterious submarines were reported around Samana Bay on the northeast rim of the Dominican Republic.

The U.S. Atlantic Fleet is conducting an exercise in Caribbean waters and there were suggestions that a recent Navy announcement of tests on a new type of "killer submarine" might hold the key to the identity of the submarines reported sighted.

Death Toll Light in Earthquake

TOKYO, Wednesday, March 5—(AP)—Snow and bitter cold heaped misery on homeless thousands in Northern Japan Tuesday night and early today in the wake of one of the heaviest earthquakes of the twentieth century.

Despite a terrifying pattern of huge tidal waves, collapsing homes, derailed trains, great earth cracks, and swamped fishing villages, it appeared the death toll would be amazingly light.

The latest official U.S. Army estimate of dead stood at 31 Japanese. Twenty dead and 170 injured were reported by Japanese police. There were no American casualties.

The almost complete collapse of communications in the hardest hit areas some 550 miles north of Tokyo delayed an accurate count

of dead, injured and missing.

However, the area is relatively lightly populated, citizens are wise to the ways of earthquakes. And a warning service spread the tidal wave alarm. Most Japanese along the coast took to their heels at the first violent shock Tuesday morning, believing that tidal waves soon would come sweeping in. They were right.

In fact, waves 10 feet high still were sweeping in this morning along the Southeast coast of Hokkaido at 15-minute intervals, causing more destruction.

Two U.S. divisions are on duty in the stricken area, but Army officials said no soldier was injured. The 24th Division is on Northern Honshu, Japan's main island. The U.S. First Cavalry

Division occupies Hokkaido, northernmost island and the hardest hit.

Initial reports estimated 1,300 homes destroyed or badly damaged.

However, an army spokesman for the Japan logistical command disaster center at Sapporo, capital of Hokkaido, said the quake "is apparently not a major disaster."

It did not approach the disastrous 1923 Tokyo earthquake which cost 150,000 casualties.

Tokyo itself was not hit by Tuesday's earthquake.

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