

PRR Maryland Wreck Kills 5

ODENTON, Md., Feb. 23 (AP)—At least five persons were killed and up to 100 injured tonight when the Pennsylvania Railroad's Embassy, fast Washington to New York passenger train, wrecked about three miles north of Odenton, near Ft. Meade.

Management, Labor Peace Hopes Collapse

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Hopes for achieving a labor-management peace plan collapsed today in a deadlock over the union shop, or compulsory union membership.

George Meany, AFL-CIO president, and Chairman Charles R. Sligh Jr. of the National Association of Manufacturers' Executive Committee held a 2½-hour luncheon meeting and conceded afterward they had "agreed in a friendly fashion to disagree."

The quick failure of the quest for an industry-labor "live-and-let-live" agreement, in talks initiated by Meany, came as no surprise to those familiar with deep-seated differences.

Both men admitted complete inability to agree on whether workers should be required to join unions. Meany said employers should be left free to make union shop-type union contracts compelling workers to become union members. Sligh said he was unalterably opposed to such arrangements.

Meany said many NAM members don't agree with Sligh because they have accepted the union shop in their own plants. He mentioned General Motors Corporation.

Limit on Support Loans Denounced

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La), of the Senate Agriculture Committee spoke out in the Senate today against any dollar limit on price support loans for any one farm.

Ellender went into this subject as the Senate considered for a second day a controversial new farm bill. Major features of the bill would set up a "soil bank" system of paying farmers to retire acres from crops, and would return to a rigid, high system of price supports.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower and others, among them Sens. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah) and William Langer (R-ND), have asked for a limit on loans as a way to keep from subsidizing big operators in competition with family-sized farms.

Blizzards Hit Europe; Death Toll Now 805

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Raging blizzards mixed with bright sunshine today as frozen Europe endured its 24th day of killing cold. The death toll rose to 805.

Blizzards cut off southeast England, leaving only one road open to Kent's resort towns of Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs and the U.S. Air Force base at Manston.

Former Red Spy Says Tass Used For Espionage

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—A former Soviet spy chief testified today that Tass, the Soviet news agency, is used as a cover-up for Russian espionage more extensively in the United States than anywhere else.

Ismail Ege, once a major in Red army intelligence and now an electronics engineer in Silver Spring, Md., estimated eight out of ten Tass correspondents are engaged in gathering data of military value to the Soviet Union.

Ege told a Senate Internal Security subcommittee the United States is an especially open field for this sort of activity because the American people don't seem to realize the amount of spying that goes on—"It's beyond their comprehension."

Democrat Asks NAACP Probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Southern congressmen proposed today a congressional investigation of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

The suggestion was advanced by Rep. E. C. Gathings (D-Ark) and won immediate support from others.

The Southern contingent in the House took up most of the afternoon in speeches and debate on the racial question.

Gathings, in proposing the inquiry, said:

"Wouldn't it be proper to ascertain the amount of collections of the organization; the salary of its officers; the sources of its contributors and what expenditures are anticipated by this organization in the various states of the Union in the furtherance of their objectives?"

Gathings said 78 of the total of 177 officers, board members and executive staff members of the NAACP have been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Tax Fate in Hands Of GOP—Leader

HARRISBURG, Feb. 23 (AP)—Gov. George R. Leader contended today a House-passed sales-income tax plan gives the Republican-controlled Senate "plenty of choice" for an agreement to break the 14-month tax impasse.

"I rather think in view of the pressure on them (Republican senators) to approve a bipartisan program in the Senate that they'd be inclined to accept something along that line," the governor declared.

However, the governor did not speculate on what he would do should a three per cent sales tax be passed by the Senate, as predicted by Sen. Mahany, Republican floor leader.

The GOP policymaker said "that tax with some increased business taxes should be enough to balance the budget."

A Senate showdown on taxes is expected next week.

However, the governor noted at his conference:

"You can't always tell what political people are thinking by what they say, and that applies very much to the Senate at this point."

The GOP-ruled Senate is expected to bring the next tax package up for action next week.

The governor said he looked for all 20 available Democratic senators to support the \$360 million sales-income tax plan that was approved by the House Tuesday with bipartisan support.

"The senators on the Democratic side would stand up comparably well on such a vote just as they have in the past," Leader said.

Leader said at the same time he is "a little superstitious" and believes "things happen in threes."

"I think this (the tax package) may be it," he added. He had reference to two prior tax programs that originated in the House, but were killed in the Senate.

But lending support to Mahany's statement was Sen. Pechan (R-Armstrong), who said at Butler he will vote against the income tax portion of the House tax program.

Dealer Claims Ford Company Solicited Funds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—A former Ford dealer testified today he was told the Ford Motor Co. called on its Chicago dealers to contribute \$50,000 to help elect President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952.

Milton Ratner, who sold Fords in Chicago for 20 years, said he was asked to give \$1000 but that, "as far as I know," he was one of two Ford dealers in the city who refused to contribute to the campaign.

Ratner told his story to a Senate subcommittee investigating automotive marketing practices. He said his information came from another Chicago Ford dealer who was never identified during the proceedings.

This information, Ratner swore, was that the call for \$50,000 came from "the office of Henry Ford."

There was no immediate comment on the testimony from Ford Motors. Several Chicago Ford dealers, asked there about Ratner's statement, said they knew nothing of such solicitation.

Chairman A. S. Michael Monroney (D-Okla) announced the other dealer mentioned by Ratner would be called before the subcommittee, and that Henry Ford II is scheduled to be a witness early in March.

Gruenther Sees NATO Increase in Strength

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther predicted today the West will be strong enough by 1960 to defend all NATO territory, from the arctic to the Aegean. The supreme allied commander for Europe told airport reporters on arrival here:

"After the German force has been incorporated and after we have been able to improve land, sea and air forces with nuclear weapons we feel we shall have a very substantial deterrent to war."



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Dr. Gustave Faubert, Anne Arundel County medical examiner, reported five dead and there were reports of at least three other blanket-shrouded bodies—possibly eight—loaded into state police ambulances at the scene.

Among the dead was Edward Q. Holloway, 315 W. 36th St., Wilmington, Del., believed to be the conductor of the train. He died of injuries in Ft. Meade Army Hospital, where 35 of the injured were taken.

Nineteen more were treated at Anne Arundel General Hospital in Annapolis, three at University Hospital in Baltimore and 10 at South Baltimore General.

Herbert R. O'Connor, former governor of Maryland and onetime U.S. senator, was among those treated and released at South Baltimore General.

O'Connor was credited by other survivors with helping many of the injured from the passenger coach in which he was riding.

The Embassy, about 22 minutes and 22 miles out of Washington, was carrying 14 cars when it passed the railroad's Odenton tower on schedule at 5:22 p.m. EST.

Minutes later, five cars from the middle of the train, left the rails. Three turned over and plunged part way down a 15-foot embankment.

Witnesses and passengers said the dining car, with 14 passengers eating dinner and the normal staff—number undetermined—tilted as it left the rails.

It struck a steel pole carrying the railroad's overhead electric wires, which peeled off the roof of the dining car.

The dining car "split in two" one passenger said, and toppled over the embankment with two other cars.

Russell Wants 'Missile' Investigation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga) crystalized his criticism of the administration's Air Force and guided missile plans today with the announcement of plans for a detailed investigation.

On the other hand, he expressed great satisfaction with the Navy and the way it is adapting itself to use of atomic weapons.

Russell, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said: "It is generally understood the U.S. Navy is the most powerful thing on the high seas in history."

Russell told reporters he would set up a special subcommittee to conduct an inquiry "wholly with respect to the Air Force and guided missile program."

"It would go into the whole subject in a great deal more detail than the full committee would have time to do," he said.

Russell called only yesterday for

at least another \$1½ billion for the Air Force, which is down for \$16,535,000,000 in President Dwight D. Eisenhower's budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

He contends the administration program is inadequate and takes "very long chances with security." Secretary of the Air Force Quarles and Gen. Nathan Twining, Air Force chief of staff, told Russell's committee Tuesday that the budget is adequate for the present, if on the austere side, but Russell said he was not reassured.

Russell's committee, now making a study of the general preparedness program, took testimony today from Secretary of the

Navy Thomas and Adm. Arleigh Burke, chief of naval operations. After a reporter asked whether Russell was "satisfied that the Navy is doing all it should."

"Yes," the senator replied. "I would say that the Navy is proceeding as rapidly as we could expect with the funds available to them, and they say that they have ample funds."

The Navy is allotted \$9,565,000,000 for the coming fiscal year.

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