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Truman Calls For Vast Increase In Taxation

PLACED IN JAIL—Herman Beckwith, 42-year-old Florence Negro, above, was placed in Lauderdale county jail Thursday night after he was caught by Florence officers following a shooting spree in which Officer Sherman Whitten was slightly wounded. Beckwith, was arrested recently when the question of his sanity was involved but was released Wednesday after examination by a doctor. For no apparent reason, he started blasting away with a 12 gauge shotgun and .22 rifle at his Georgia avenue home Thursday night around 8:30. —(Staff Photo).

Berserk Negro Taken After Shooting Spree

Florence Officer Wounded Slightly; Beckwith Jailed

A 42 year old Florence Negro went berserk at his home Thursday night, blasting away with his shotgun and rifle but was finally taken into custody after slightly wounding a Florence policeman.

The six-foot, 205-pound Negro, Herman Beckwith, is now in Lauderdale county jail where he is being held as a dangerous and suspicious character, pending determination of his sanity.

Beckwith was released from Lauderdale county jail Wednesday where he was being held for investigation. A local doctor declared him sane so he was given freedom.

At 8:30 o'clock Thursday night, according to Police Chief Noah Darley, a call from an unidentified boy stated that "a Negro is shooting a rifle in his house."

Police Officers Ralph Taylor and Sherman Whitten, of the East Florence beat, spoke to the Negro's home 434 Georgia avenue, where they found he was also blasting away with a shotgun. They called for additional police help so Officers Ernest Romine and Bryce James went to their aid. But they found it impossible to get into the house because the Negro was firing at them promiscuously.

Help was sought from the Lauderdale county sheriff's force, so Sheriff J. L. Potts, Chief Deputy Joe Whitaker and Jailor Leonard Lovelace, accompanied by Chief Danley went to the scene of the shooting.

A tear gas gun was put into action but after several tear gas shells were

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GAS GRENADES USED—This is the window through which Florence officers tossed two tear gas grenades to force Herman Beckwith out of his house after he went beserk Thursday night, firing a 12 gauge shotgun and .22 rifle both inside his Georgia avenue home and at pursuing officers outside. The Negro was finally arrested after a shooting spree of several minutes.—(Staff Photo).

Truman Urges Demos Uphold Honor, Justice

"Fat And Easy" Will Not Save Freedom For Our Children

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Truman cautioned Democratic members of Congress last night against trading "honor and justice" for "fat and ease."

Mr. Truman, Vice-President Barkley and House Speaker Rayburn were the speakers at a buffet dinner at the Shoreham Hotel in honor of Democrats in Congress.

"I want peace in the world," the President said. "But I don't want peace at any price. I want peace with freedom and justice.

He urged Congress to keep in mind that "honor and justice are greater for the welfare of your children and mine, and I hope my grandchildren than fat and ease."

"We must work together, not only for the welfare of the United States itself but for the welfare of the whole world," the President said. "We are faced now with three people who believe in the individual and who believe in a moral code based on the Sermon On The Mount. It is a good one. On the other side we are faced with those people who do not believe in a moral code, who only make commitments to break them."

Mr. Truman did not name Stalin.

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BROTHERS CALMLY AWAIT DEATH—These three brothers sit in their tenement home in New York and calmly await death from a disease for which doctors know no cure. They are suffering from muscular dystrophy, a progressive ailment, that always ends up by attacking the respiratory powers. With the boys are their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Godfrey. Michael (left), 12, plays with his erector set, just like a normal boy. George, Jr. (second from left) is 24 and Roy (right) is 21.—(AP Wirephoto).

Reds Arraying Great Forces Against Allies

Security Demands Lending, Spending Of Many Billions

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Truman today called on Congress to boost taxes this session by "very much more" than the $8,000,000,000 (B) combined total of the last two increases.

The President in his annual economic message notified the lawmakers that the nation's security will demand lending and spending authority totalling $140,000,000,000 (B) for this fiscal year and next. The present fiscal year runs out next July 1.

As he set it out, this total would be for actual military and foreign aid spending plus contracting, lending and loan guaranteeing authority for national security purposes. Other government expenses would be in addition to this.

Mr. Truman said workers must accept wage restraints and business men must accept lower profits—that no one should seek to hike his income to escape his share of the higher tax burden.

He told the legislators, too, that 1,000,000 (M) more men and women may be added to the armed forces within a few months. The military manpower goal has been a force of 3,200,000 by June 30, but only today this figure was raised to 3,462,205.

Congress voted a $4,700,000,000 (B) increase in individual and corporation taxes last Fall. In December, it passed a bill to get $3,900,000,000 (B) more from corporations through an "excess profits" tax and an increase in existing taxes.

Mr. Truman used no specific figures for his new tax proposals but said the total should exceed the combined total of these two bills.

Mr. Truman said it should be the first principle of policy to "maintain a balanced budget, and to finance the cost of national defense on a 'pay-as-we-go' basis." He added: "Corporations should get much higher taxes. Individuals should pay much higher taxes. Excise taxes should be higher and more extensive."

Mr. Truman said new tax proposals soon will be submitted to Congress carrying these recommendations as well as recommendations for closing "many loopholes" in present tax laws.

The President also informed Congress that staffs are being rapidly gathered to apply "broader controls" over prices and wages.

"In the case of prices," he said, "the general policy must be to hold the price line with utmost vigor." He asked that the Department of Agriculture be "granted authority to control speculative trading and to strengthen its regulation of commodity exchanges."

As he did in last Monday's State Of The Union Message, the President emphasized the great threat from Communist aggression.

He said "large and menacing forces" led by Russia are "arrayed against the free world."

"The great manpower under the control of Soviet Communism is being driven with fanatic zeal to build

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Final Peace Plea To Red China Looms

Conference On Far Eastern Problems For Cease-Fire

BY STANLEY JOHNSON

LAKE SUCCESS, (AP) — The United Nations drove toward a vote today on a final peace bid to Communist China, offering a political conference on Far Eastern problems in return for a cease-fire in Korea.

The United States accepted the plan. Russia, in what seemed to be a stall for time, expressed coolness toward it.

Non-Communist spokesmen made it plain that if Peiping rejects this offer, the Reds can expect no further overtures and the war will go on.

Diplomats here held little hope that China's Communists would agree to the proposals. They felt, however, the effort was worth while if only as a demonstration that the U. N. had explored the last possible avenue to peace.

The five-point plan, drafted by cease-fire commission members Nasrollah Entezam of Iran, Sir Benegal N. Rau of India and Canada's Lester B. Pearson, will be put before the 60-nation political committee in a resolution this afternoon.

Sponsors hoped for a vote before today's session ends. General Assembly approval of the resolution also could come today, since the Assembly can be called merely by

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Tuscumbia Housewife Wins Magazine Contest

Mrs. Chester H. Young, 209 west Moore street, Tuscumbia is the winner of the $10 third prize in the January "It's the American Way" Contest in Family Circle, a national magazine sold in chain grocery stores. Her prize-winning entry appears in the editions of the magazine now on sale in Alabama at all grocery stores.

"It's the American Way" is a continuous contest, and Family Circle each month awards a $25, a $15 and a $10 prize for a number of $5 prizes, for the best entries on subjects suggested by the title. Entries may be either in the contestants own words or one or more quotations from books, newspapers, magazines, radio, or television.

Taft Declares Bi-partisan Foreign Policy Is At End

BY JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Truman's assertion he can consult Congress in ordering U. S. troops to Europe—but won't be bound by it—was labelled by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) today as "the end of the bipartisan foreign policy."

At the same time, Senator Wherry (R-Nebr) challenged Mr. Truman's indirect claim that the American people will back overseas use of U. S. troops to bolster Western Europe's defenses against attack.

The President told his news conference yesterday he has authority to send more of our troops to Europe and intends to use it. But he will consult with congressional foreign relations and armed services leaders as a matter of politeness before he does it, he added.

He said that as Commander-in-Chief, he feel bound by no decision Congress may make unless it restricts the number of troops by limiting appropriations.

And if the lawmakers want to go to the country with that kind of a restriction, he declared, he is willing.

He licked "in once before the President said in an obvious reference to his attacks on the Republican 80th Congress in the 1948 presidential campaign.

Taft told a reporter he thinks the only practical limitation on the President's authority may be in such appropriation bills.

But Taft said the President's insistence on his right to send troops to Europe without prior congressional approval "does not mean that" Taft called Mr. Truman's insistence of elected Republican leaders in his consultations "brings an end to the bipartisan foreign policy."

Mr. Truman also told his news conference that Gen. Douglas MacArthur, contrary to news stories in Tokyo, has not recommended that United Nations forces be withdrawn from Korea. And he denied a Tokyo report that the U. N. Commander had been muzzled by Washington.

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1,541 In Lauderdale Have Paid Poll Tax

Some 1,541 citizens of Florence and Lauderdale county have paid in $2,653.50 in poll tax revenue thus far, according to reports from Weaver Fugua, county tax collector. However, collections are still largely slightly behind figures for 1950.

Deadline for the payment of poll taxes is Feb. 1.

Soldier To Lose Both Feet And Parts Of Hands

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (AP) — The price comes high for Pfc. Hubert Reeves' bitter Korean war experience. He'll lose both feet and parts of both hands.

Percy Jones Army Hospital here announced the amputations to start today.

Frostbite blackened the 19-year-old Joliet, Ill., GI's hands and feet one frigid Korean night as he was captured after an attack by the Chinese Reds.

Brought to the hospital here, he was in agonizing pain for long days. Doctors decided to see how much amputation would be necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hubert Reeves, praised it would be slight.

But yesterday the grim word came from Maj. Charles H. Dixon, Percy Jones Public Information officer.

Mr. Davis said surgeons will amputate both feet above the ankle, all the fingers of the right hand to the second joint, and the thumb of the left hand back to the knuckle.

Reeves, from a nearby bed, has told the story of the night he was wounded. He was on a patrol when his group was ambushed. He said he crawled with the other wounded back to rest of his company. Then, he said, The Reds came in close to look for him and poured machine gun fire into the group of wounded.

Reeves survived and crawled away. Reeves's friend Kim

Communist Force Striking Far Behind Allied Lines

BY OLEN CLEMENTS

TOKYO, (AP)—Bistering Allied air strikes and artillery barrages crumpled a Red Korean attack near Wonju today. But another Communist force, thrusting 30 miles behind the Allied lines, threatened the United Nations stand in central Korea.

The drive, striking Red columns behind the American-French-Dutch lines in the Wonju area. It fought several sharp clashes with Allied patrols on the approaches to Taeyang, 37 miles southeast of Wonju.

Some of the Reds set up a roadblock against a vital supply highway, and reported a haul of small arms and ammunition. Allied Force sent

Two South Korean divisions, the Sixth and Ninth, were throwing a pincer movement against the Communist Reds at Pyongyang 29,000 strong, reported in the process which, if successful, would trap the Reds and leave the Allied French and Dutch mounting units making a stabbing stand just South of Wonju.

The Reds, little people in the Wonju area, are driving Allied air strikes and artillery barrages from their rear areas. Allied planes including the big B-29 Superforts rarely used on tactical missions sowed heavy explosives and fragmentation bombs, incendiaries fire and jellied gasoline into the Red positions.

Navy pilots from the carrier Philippine Sea seared the half-mile ridge with Napalm firebombs. They killed an estimated 450 Reds. "They were trying to make an advance and we caught them," said Lt. (JG) Don Loranger, Hanford, Calif.

Second Division artillery slammed a rain of steel at the Reds.

Field dispatches said the air-artillery pounding wiped out part of Wonju.

Sheffield Man Added Apprenticeship Staff

ATLANTA, (AP) — The U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship is moving to speed up training of unskilled workers to meet the demands of the rearmament program.

In addition to staff increases, Charles N. Connor regional director, announced a new office would be set up in Augusta, Ga.

Connor said Charles A. Sowers of Guntersville, Ala., will be in charge of the new Augusta establishment and Roy Bruce Tomlin of Sheffield, Ala., and Lewis A. Chambers of Marietta, Ga., had been added to the Atlanta staff.

H. A. Bowick of Columbus Ga., will assume operation of an office in Columbus, succeeding H. M. Garrett, now stationed in the South-eastern office here as staff training leader.

At The Theatres

SHOALS — "Emergency Wedding," with Larry Parks, Barbara Hale.

PRINCESS—Gene Autry in "Sons of New Mexico."

COLBERT—"Let's Dance," Technicolor, with Betty Hutton, Fred Astaire.

TUSCUMBIAN — "The Fallen Idol," with Ralph Richardson, Michele Morgan.

STRAND — "Bowery Blitzkreig," with the East Side Kids. Also "Navajo Trail Raiders," with Rocky Lane.

NORWOOD—"Fast on the Draw," with Jimmy Ellison. Also "Ex-Champ," with Tom Brown.

MAJESTIC — "The Drifter" with Buster Crabbe. Also "Navajo Trail Raiders," with Rocky Lane.

RITZ — "Satan's Cradle," with the Cisco Kid. Also "All American Co-Ed," with Frances Langford.

JOY LAN DRIVE IN — "Any Number Can Play," with Clark Gable and Alexis Smith.

WILSON DRIVE IN — "Right Cross," with June Affyson and Dick Powell.

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Rotary International Mystified Over Pope's Ban Upon Club; President Of Organization Is A Roman Catholic

VATICAN CITY, (AP)—A Vatican decree forbidding Catholic clergy to join Rotary International, it was explained today, applies equally to such similar organizations as Kiwanis, the Lions and other civic groups.

A member of the Congregation of the Sacred Office, which drew up the decree, said the document reiterated the church's preference that Catholic laymen and women associate themselves with Catholic church-sponsored or recommended organizations, such as the Knights of Columbus.

The member said the decree, published yesterday in the Vatican's "L'Osservatore Romano," is a general directive and not neither a condemnation of Rotary nor an impediment to membership of Catholic laymen in the organization.

The decree was approved by Pope Pius XII, who is prefect of the congregation, one of 11 such bodies that govern church affairs.

The decree, this source said, is explicit insofar as it regards clergymen. They cannot be members of Rotary—or other organizations having a "worldly" character—nor attend the meetings.

Any clergyman who is a member of Rotary, this source said, must resign from the club. The implication of the decree, the source added, is that similar action must be taken by clergymen who are members of Kiwanis, or like groups.

The decree was described as a general rule open, insofar as Catholic laymen are concerned, to local interpretation by bishops.

Thus, should a Rotary club in some particular area be considered

The Vatican source said that the congregation's decree mentioned Rotary only because it was drawn in answer to a query concerning that organization, but that its general rule was equally applicable to all similar organizations.

ROTARY'S PRESIDENT IS ROMAN CATHOLIC

CHICAGO, (AP)—Rotary International officials and some Catholic clergymen were baffled today by a decree of Pope Pius XII forbidding all Roman Catholic clergymen from membership in Rotary clubs.

A former president of Rotary International said he was "amazed" at the action of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office in Vatican City, which is headed by Pope Pius.

"We can't figure this one out," said a spokesman at headquarters of Rotary International.

He added the organization, which has 344,000 members in 7,200 clubs around the globe, had never had any "trouble with the church that I can remember."

In a statement issued over the signature of Rotary's president, Arthur Lagueux, of Quebec, Canada who is a Roman Catholic, it was emphasized that the organization is "not secret," nor does it "seek to supplant or interfere with any religious or political organization."

Qualifications for membership do not require information as to race, religion or politics," Lagueux's statement said. By convention, each Rotarian is expected to be faithful to his religion and loyal in his citizenship."

The decree was published by the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano. A source connected with the newspaper said it appeared aimed at European and Latin American countries where Masonic control of Rotary has been attributed to Rotary, rather than against Catholic membership in Rotary. In the United States, those countries, there have been differences of long standing between the Catholic church and the Masonic order.

The Vatican's action "amazed" Percy Hodgson, immediate past president of Rotary International, he told the Providence, R. I. Journal.

Hodgson said that in his extended travels as president he visited heads of nations and also heads of the church and "I found nothing that would indicate to me anything but harmony between Rotary International and the program as carried out by the church."

Two Catholic priests, one in Chicago and one in Memphis, the only priests who are members of the Rotary clubs in the two cities, said

Manpower Goal For Armed Forces Is Boosted 260,000

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Senators were told today that President Truman had increased the June 30 manpower goal for the nation's fighting forces by about 260,000.

Assistant Secretary of Defense Anna M. Rosenberg testified that Mr. Truman had approved raising the armed forces strength to 3,462,205 by that date or "at the earliest possible moment."

The previous June 30 target was 3,200,000 men, although Mr. Truman has talked of having 3,500,000 in the next year or two.

Mrs. Rosenberg made her announcement as she and top ranking Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine officers appeared before the Senate armed services subcommittee to urge drafting of 18-year-olds.

Mrs. Rosenberg said she had just received a telephone call from Secretary of Defense Marshall. She said "The Secretary of Defense and the President approved it this morning."

The proposal for drafting 18-year-olds was running into some opposition in the Senate group. Senator Saltonstall (R-Mass) demanded that defense officials "prove their case" for such a step.

"So far they have not convinced me that the present draft law, with some amendments, is not enough," Saltonstall told a reporter.

The law now requires registration of all men of 18 but restricts actual induction to those 19 through 25 years old. The Defense Department wants the age minimum lowered by one year to help meet the

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PRACTICE MEET SET

There will be a practice meeting

Alabama Kiwanians To Meet In Sheffield Saturday Afternoon

Alabama Kiwanians will gather in Sheffield Saturday for the annual mid-winter conference of Alabama District Kiwanis Clubs, which will be Saturday afternoon and night.

Over 200 local and visiting Kiwanians are expected including the presidents of all 33 of the state clubs.

The principal business of the conference will be attended to Saturday afternoon at the Sheffield Hotel in the Blood Muscle Shoals.

On the agenda for the executive session will be approval of the program and budget of the Alabama District for the coming year. Dr. Walter B. Jones, Tuscaloosa, outgoing district governor, will report to the group on the activity of the past year.

The new district governor, Tom Chambers, Florence, will be officially installed Saturday night at the banquet and dance at Jake's Tavern in Sheffield.

The event will be combined with the annual Ladies Night of the Tri-Cities clubs.

Other district officers from local clubs are Nick Nicholas, Florence, state secretary, and Harold Hughes, lieutenant governor from division one, of the Tuscumbia club.

Religious Census Set In Tuscumbia

The churches of Tuscumbia will cooperate in taking a religious census of the Tuscumbia area Sunday, Jan. 21.

The following churches are cooperating in the census: Baptist churches, Church of Christ, Methodist churches, Roman Catholic, and the Presbyterian.

The purpose of the census is to

President Truman Stands Behind "Fair Deal" Plans

BY MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The tabbing of Republican Senator Tobey for a seat on the Senate foreign relations committee appeared to give the Truman Administration something to cheer about today.

But some of the other committee assignments reportedly slated for GOP senators could make the going rougher for the "Fair Deal" domestic program which President Truman says he continues to stand behind.

Mr. Truman made his position clear regarding that program at a news conference late yesterday. He added, however, that for the present defense programs "must have top priority."

The President spoke out on that point as the Senate Republican group in charge of committee assignments was nominating Tobey, of New Hampshire, to the foreign relations committee. The new Republican seat results from the party's gains in the congressional elections last November.

Tobey is regarded generally as a supporter of the objectives of the Administration's foreign policy—the policy which some of his GOP colleagues have been attacking vigorously.

It is no secret at the Capitol that some Republicans who disagree with the policy wanted the foreign relations post to go to a man in their camp. One of those critics, Senator Brewster of Maine, bid for the seat but Tobey nosed him out on the basis of greater length of Senate service, or seniority.

Mr. Truman was ready for newsmen with a prepared statement on how he feels about his "Fair Deal" program, which some observers thought he soft-pedaled in his

ment began. "This Administrati has no intention to abandon any its principles or programs. We st behind the Fair Deal and the D platform as much today ever."

The "Fair Deal" domestic program includes such proposals as controversial civil rights legislation, payments to farmers compulsory health insurance.

Mr. Truman said specifically reply to a question, that he had

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The Weather

Alabama and Mississippi—Mo cloudy and warmer. Occasi rain in North and Central port this afternoon and tonight. Sa day partly cloudy and warmer rain in extreme North portion. T erate to locally fresh mostly So east winds on the Coast.

Tennessee — Mostly cloudy t sional rain West and Central t rain highest in mid 40s t Cloudy with occasional rain to and Saturday. Not so cold to lowest 40-45 West and 35-40 portion. Somewhat warmer S day.

Extended forecast:

Tennessee—Rain Saturday, ab ably ending early Sunday, and again about Tuesday with amount around one inch. Te atures will average three to n grees above normal; warmer t day, colder late Sunday and day and warmer Tuesday.

Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending 6:30 this morning, 50; minimum, inches precipitation. Sunris morning 6:57 o'clock; sunset 4:58 o'clock. Pickwick lake