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Lame Duck Legislature To Meet In Special Session For Reapportionment Fight

Immediate Adjournment Being Sought By Some Senators

BY REX THOMAS

MONTGOMERY, (AP)— Alabama's Lame Duck Legislature meets in special session Monday primed for another scrap over reapportionment of the Senate.

But the issue may never come to a vote.

Some anti-Administration senators, bitter at Gov. James E. Folsom for calling the session, have promised to try for immediate adjournment without acting on the governor's pet 67-senator proposal or anything else.

Folsom, defeated in the 1947-49 sessions, called the Legislature back primarily to consider once more his demand for a full-time senator for each of Alabama's 67 counties. The Senate now is made up of 35 districts representing from one to three counties.

The governor also asked the House and Senate to call a Constitutional Convention to rewrite the State's much-amended basic law from top to bottom. He's tried to get that through before, too, but without success.

Local legislation also was included in the special session call, and that alone may block any go-home-quick move. For this reason:

House and Senate members, especially Lame Ducks who won't be back next year, may have local bills they want to get through while they still have a chance. But they have to be advertised once a week for four weeks before they can be introduced, and only two weeks have gone by since Folsom announced there would be a special session.

That means all local measures would be dead if the Legislature called it quits in less than two weeks.

But no matter how long the session lasts, there's rough traveling ahead for Folsom's 67-senator proposition. Prospects don't look good for getting it through.

In the first place, Administration forces couldn't put it over last Summer when they mustered full strength. Since then they have lost two badly needed votes through the death of Senator C. J. Owens of Marshall county and the resignation of Senator Joe Langan of Mobile. Another who supported it in 1949, Paul Hooton of Randolph, has left for Europe.

Because it means amending the constitution, the senator-for-every-county bill would require a three-fifths vote of the entire membership in both branches—64 in the House, 21 in the Senate.

Even if the Administration did control enough votes, it still wouldn't be easy. Black Belters, who always fight hardest against reapportionment, probably wouldn't hesitate a moment to tie the Senate up an a filibuster.

And there are some players on that team, like Senators Bruce Henderson, Wilcox county, and Preston Clayton of Barbour, who know just about every parliamentary trick

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Natural Gas Welcomed To East Tennessee

Would-Be Monopolists Of Natural Gas Hit By Barkley

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., (AP)— Vice President Barkley Saturday helped East Tennessee welcome natural gas to East Tennessee, terming it a resource which belongs to the people.

He hailed the fuel, newly piped in from Texas, as a valuable supplement to electricity and coal so abundant in this area.

Principal speaker invited for dedication ceremonies of the lines brought here by East Tennessee Natural Gas Co., Barkley was among a long list of dignitaries including industrial and government officials who braved recurring thundershowers for the event.

And Mrs. Barkley played a role in the dedication, lighting a symbolic blue flame of natural gas. Sen Kefauver (D-Tenn) referred to her as the "New Spirit of St. Louis." Rain drowned out Kefauver's talk for the audience.

Sprinkling his speech with his noted anecdotes, the Vice President was critical of would-be monopolists of natural gas, which, like all resources, belong to the people, he said.

He called the gas service arrival "a new vindication for the free enterprise system." He likened the many years of work by Wade Thompson of Nashville and his associates in bringing about the pipeline project, to Cyrus Steel's efforts to lay the first Atlantic cable—which

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At The Theatres

SHOALS & STRAND—"East Side, West Side," with Barbara Stanwyck, Ava Gardner, James Mason and Van Heflin.

PRINCESS — Alice Faye in "You're A Sweetheart," with George Murphy.

COLBERT — The Man on the Eiffel Tower," in Ansco Color, with Franchot Tone, Charles Laughton, Belita and the City of Paris.

NORWOOD — "Curtain Call At Cactus Creek," in Technicolor, with Donald O'Connor and Gail Storm.

MAJESTIC—"Invisible Ray," with Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi. Also "I Demand Payment," with Jack LaRue.

RITZ — "Homicide For Three," with Warren Douglas, Jane Frasee. Also "Diamond Frontier," with John Loder, Victor McLaglen.

JOY-LAN DRIVE-IN — "Holiday Affair," with Robert Mitchum and Janet Leigh.

PARK-VUE DRIVE-IN — "The Heiress," with Olivia de Havilland and Montgomery Clift.

KING DRIVE-IN—"In The Good Old Summertime," with Judy Garland and Van Johnson.

Georgia Red Rebuked And Put In Jail

Also Fined By Superior Court Judge In Contempt Case

CARROLLTON, Ga., (AP)—Communist leader Homer B. Chace drew a 20-day jail term, $200 fine and a sharp rebuke Saturday from Superior Court Judge Samuel J. Boykin.

The Communist party head in Georgia and nine others, six of them Negroes, were cited for contempt of court. They were accused of circulating two pamphlets criticizing the court and charging that Clarence Henderson, a Negro convicted of murdering a white student, was framed.

All ten are from nearby Atlanta.

Jim R. Kamm, 25, former Emory University student, was found guilty and given the same sentence as Chase. He admitted writing one pamphlet as a member of the "Henderson Defense Committee," and Chase said he wrote the other.

Barney Rutledge and Irwin Daniel, Negroes, were found guilty of

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AN AERIAL VIEW of the big Listerhill plants of the Reynolds Metals Company.

Pottery City, Six Nearby Towns Flooded

One Woman Is Dead And Property Damage Exceeds One Million

CROOKSVILLE, O. (AP) — This pottery-making center and six nearby towns cleaned up Saturday after a flash flood left one woman dead and property damage far exceeding a million dollars.

A four hour downpour Friday night sent Jonathan and Moxahala Creeks out of their banks over a 25 mile square area in Muskingum, Perry and Morgan counties.

The water poured down a narrow Southeastern Ohio Valley and forced hundreds to flee from their homes. It ran seven feet deep through this town of about 3,000 but used to about two feet by mid-day.

Mrs. Alice Adrian, 55, drowned in Rose Farm, a village about five miles from here. Rescuers recovered her body. Five homes there were destroyed and residents of 20 others forced to evacuate.

Other towns hardest hit by the deluge were Roseville, another pottery center; Tropic, White Cottage, Saltillo and Fultonham. Most are mining villages.

The flood exploded a hot kiln and set the Acme Pottery Co., plant here afire. Firemen couldn't reach the plant because of the high water and it burned. Supt. Harold Shower said loss may run $1,000,000. The plant employed 300 workers.

A kiln also exploded at the Crooxsville China Co., but the plant escaped major damage.

Power, gas and drinking water lines were knocked out, but power was restored early Saturday morning. Crooksville still was without drinking water during the day and

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Reynolds Co. To Dedicate New Cable Plant On July 1

Reynolds Metals Company will dedicate its brand-new aluminum cable plant here in ceremonies at the Listerhill plant on Saturday, July 1, at 11:30 a. m. The announcement was made today By R. S. Reynolds, Jr., president.

High dignitaries of national, State and local prominence will be guests of the company for the event. Also attending will be members of the board of directors and officers of the company.

Heading company officials will be R. S. Reynolds, Sr., founder and chairman of the board, and his four sons: R. S. Reynolds, Jr., president; J. Louis Reynolds, vice-president in charge of operations; W. G. Reynolds, vice-president in charge of the parts division; David P. Reynolds, vice- president in charge of sales. Also present will be Marion M. Caskie, executive vice-president, who is well known in Alabama. Mr. Caskie was general manager of the State Docks and Terminal Railway at Mobile from 1931-35. He served as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington from 1935-40, and was chairman in 1939. Keen Johnson, vice-president and director of public relations, will act as master of ceremonies at the dedication. Mr. Johnson is a former governor of Kentucky and Under Secretary of Labor.

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Feldman Says Europe Needs Lots More Of U. S. Money

BY CARROLL E. LISBY

The Marshall plan has greatly aided the countries of Western Europe. But it will take a lot more U. S. money to put those countries back on their feet.

Such was the opinion expressed by A. J. Feldmann, of 316 Jackson highway, Florence, operator of the two Shirley's stores in Florence and Tuscumbia. Mr. and Mrs. Feldmann returned last Sunday from a tour of Europe and the Near East.

During their trip the Feldmanns visited France, Italy, Greece, Israel, Switzerland and England. They were away for a little more than three months.

Mr. Feldmann said that Italy is recovering from the past war faster than any of the other European countries. "Everywhere you go you see buildings going up," he remarked. He said the Italian people seem to be enjoying life.

The people that Mr. Feldmann met in Italy were very friendly toward the United States. "Even the customs houses are lenient," he said. "If you're an American, they don't give you any trouble."

Mr. Feldmann believed that France is coming along very well. He said that it is recovering almost as quickly as Italy.

England is still suffering from shortages, Mr. Feldmann noted. "There is plenty to eat in Italy and France, but in England there is not," he said. "You have to have coupons for everything, even for chewing gum."

Mr. Feldmann said it was his impression that the $3,500,000,000 which this country lent the British really

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Freezing And Floods Strike In Some Areas

Floods Preceded By Cloudbursts; Thousands Flee

(By The Associated Press)

Flash floods that struck in Washington State and Ohio left four dead and well over $1,000,000 in property damage Saturday.

A surge of polar air that brought freezing temperatures and scattered frosts to a few sections chilled the Midwest and spread Eastward.

A four hour cloudburst preceded the Ohio flood Friday night. The Moxahala and Jonathan Creeks surged out of their banks and roared down a narrow Southwestern Ohio valley.

Thousands fled their homes as the flood waters hit Crooksville, Roseville and about 20 tiny mining towns.

Some residents scrambled to their rooftops, and at least five houses were swept away. Water rose to a seven foot depth in Crooksville's main streets. One woman was carried to her death near Crooksville.

The wave of water knocked out a power station in Crooksville and service in five other communities.

A hot kiln was exploded by the flood waters. The blast set the Acme Pottery Co. plant in Crooksville afire. The entire plant became a mass of flames and was destroyed. Supt. Harold Shower estimated the loss at $1,000,000. Another kiln at the Crooksville China Co. blew up, but the plant scaped damage.

The Washington flash flood smashed a house near Pomeroy, about 100 miles South of Spokane, and carried away three persons. Herman Baden, 75, is missing and presumed drowned. The bodies of

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Truman Opens Income Files To U. S. Crime Probers As Wiley Urges War On Crime

President Gives Powerful Weapon To Inquiry Group

BY JOHN B. OWEN

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Truman Saturday tore the seals of secrecy off the income tax records of underworld big shots for the eyes of Senate investigators.

The action handed a powerful weapon to the inquiry committee digging into crime and corruption.

At the same time Mr. Truman ordered all executive departments to cooperate with the committee to the fullest extent. He already had told Chairman Kefauver (D-Tenn.) he would do everything in his power to support the investigation.

The committee can call for what it wants in the way of federal tax returns on income, excess profits, declared value excess profits, capital stock, estates and gifts for any period up to and including 1949.

A committee official said it has "no pre-determined list" of names of persons whose taxes it wishes to investigate.

"This just cuts through the red tape and gives us access to information as we develop our cases," he said. "The names we submit will depend on the developments."

Many racketeers have been reputedly meticulous about accounting for all income since Al Capone got tripped up for income tax evasion. However, the committee's new power will lay bare the source of that income.

Although income tax returns are secret, the law provides for their disclosure in certain cases. Mr. Truman recently observed at a news conference that the war investigating committee which he headed in the Senate was given the right to examine them.

This privilege came from President Roosevelt when the committee wanted to see some contractors' income tax returns. The President has the right to tell the Revenue Bureau to disclose a return to anybody, but this right is rarely used.

Meanwhile, Senator Wiley (R-Wis.) urged cities to set up independent, non-partisan commissions to war against "rat-criminals."

Wiley, a member of the crime committee, warned against expecting Congress to come up with any "magical legislative cure-all against crime."

"Rather," he said, "lawlessness particularly in the nation's largest cities, would be more effectively combatted if, supplementing the Kefauver committee work, there were vigilant 'anti-rat' commissions operating in the nation's leading metropolitan centers and cooperating with federal, State and local law enforcement officers."

The Wisconsin senator observed in a statement that commissions have worked effectively in California, Chicago and Miami.

"The temporary California commission, under Governor Warren, has done one of the best single

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Third Term Is Being Spurned By Gov. Dewey

But Will Continue Active Interest In National Affairs

BY HARRY O'DONNELL

ALBANY, N. Y., (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who has renounced further presidential aspirations, announced Saturday he would not run for re-election as governor of New York.

Dewey, 48, said he was tired and run-down physically after 20 years in public life. He added that he probably would return to private law practice when his second term expired Dec. 31.

"I shall not be a candidate for re-election next Fall," Dewey said in a one-sentence statement, which he personally distributed to reporters.

The twice-defeated Republican presidential nominee added verbally, however, that he would continue an active interest in public affairs. He promised to speak out on "issues affecting the welfare of the State and nation," especially foreign policy.

Meanwhile, a floodtide of Republican support swelled across the State for 74-year-old Lt. Gov. John R. Hanley as the party's nominee for governor.

Hanley made clear he was a candidate. He told a reporter:

"I had heretofore said that I would be a candidate if Governor Dewey did not run."

He added that he would make a formal announcement Monday.

Concerning the GOP's choice to succeed him, Dewey said:

"I shall not attempt to dictate the choice of the convention of any candidate for any office."

Republican State leaders had pleaded with Dewey to seek re-election. He told them in mid-June he was not going to run again. But he left the door open, at their request, for reconsideration.

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TV HO MEET SET MONDAY

A general meeting of the committees concerned with the TV cruise has been called by President Reeder, chairman of the project, Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the Florence Chamber of Commerce office. The purpose of the meeting is to coordinate the plans of all committees.

Sharp Fight Is Expected Over Segregation

Senate Gets Set To Take Up Extension Of Draft This Week

BY EDWIN B. HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Senators were lining up Saturday for a showdown battle over President Truman's "equality of treatment" order under which segregation of Negroes and whites is being gradually ended in the armed services.

The test will come during this week when the Senate considers a proposed three-year extension of the peacetime draft act now due to expire June 24.

This time usual positions in the bitter Senate disputes over so-called civil rights legislation will be reversed.

Senator Russell (D-Ga), leader of Dixie senators who have won most recent battles against civil rights measures, will be pushing for an amendment he termed a "true civil rights move."

At Russell's urging the Senate

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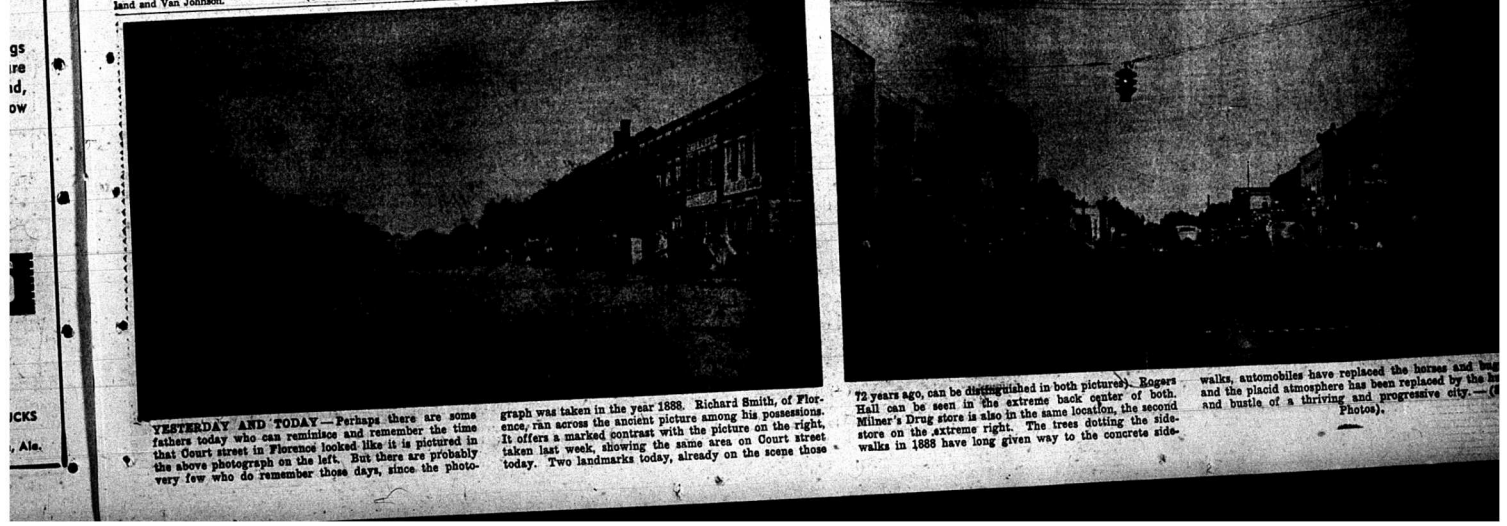
The Weather

Alabama, Mississippi and extreme Northwest Florida—Generally fair today and Monday. Gentle to moderate variable winds on the Coast.

Tennessee: Some cloudiness today, cooler East and North portions today.

Maximum temperature for the 24 hour period ending at 6:30 p. m. Saturday, 97; minimum, 72. There was no precipitation noted. Sun rose this morning, 4:56; sunset this evening, 7:05. Pickwick lake at 8 a. m. Saturday, 12.88, compared with yesterday's 13.16, a fall of .28 ft.



YESTERDAY AND TODAY—Perhaps there are some fathers today who can reminisce and remember the time that Court street in Florence looked like it is pictured in the above photograph on the left. But there are probably very few who do remember those days, since the photograph was taken in the year 1888. Richard Smith, of Florence, ran across the ancient picture among his possessions. It offers a marked contrast with the picture on the right, taken last week, showing the same area on Court street today. Two landmarks today, already on the scene those 72 years ago, can be distinguished in both pictures. Rogers Hall can be seen in the extreme back center of both. Milner's Drug store is also in the same location, the second store on the extreme right. The trees dotting the sidewalks in 1888 have long given way to the concrete sidewalks, automobiles have replaced the horses and buggies and the placid atmosphere has been replaced by the hustle and bustle of a thriving and progressive city.—(Photos).