

ALASKA-HIGHWAY CUTOFFS ARE INDORSED

DEFENSE GROUP O. K.'S INSIDE WAY

Indorsement of the Edmontson-Fairbanks inland route of the Alaska International Highway was announced today by Ralph H. Royal of Seattle, executive chairman of the Alaska Northwest Emergency Defense Committee, and, at the same time, the committee proposed another cutoff route to link Seattle directly to the highway.

Royal said the committee favors a cutoff connection from Prince George north to join the inland route near Watson Lake, just south of Whitehorse.

Second Cutoff Considered

Another cutoff under consideration is one from Prince George to Dawson Creek.

Royal said a highway already extends north of Prince George and then 35 miles farther north out of Hecton. The distance between this road and Watson Lake, Royal said, is about 50 miles. He believes the link could be completed in November.

Royal said the committee did not oppose the Prince George-Dawson Creek cutoff, a route which Seattle Chamber of Commerce and British Columbia representatives discussed yesterday in Victoria and Vancouver.

Benefit to Seattle Seen

"We favor as many cutoffs and links as feasible," said Royal. "The more roads in Alaska, the better. But we sincerely believe a link north of Prince George would benefit Seattle and all of British Columbia."

Royal said he had learned 5,000 American-built tractors and bulldozers are stationed along the inland route and work already has started at Dawson Creek.

The Vancouver, B. C., Board of Trade last night assured Seattle Chamber of Commerce officials it would support a plan to construct a connecting road to the Alaska Highway, according to press dispatches.

Seattle Cutoff Stressed

Foster L. McGovern, assistant manager of the Alaska Highway and Glenn Carrington, chairman of the chamber's committee on Alaska affairs, addressed a dinner meeting of the board and stressed the immediate importance of constructing a cutoff from Seattle.

"This is absolutely the most serious thing that has ever happened to Seattle and it's almost equally important as far as the people of Vancouver are concerned," Carrington said. "Our federal government has spent millions on establishment of military and naval stores in Seattle."

"If because of submarine or other raids steamer service with Seattle should be interrupted, it would mean that those stores would have to be shipped thousands of miles by way of Spokane, Calgary and Edmonton to Alaska."

James W. Carey, Seattle consulting engineer and a member of the United States-Alaska International Highway Commission, said today on his return to Seattle from Washington, D. C.:

"The commission was pleased to learn that the highway is to be built at once, but was dismayed to find that it will run over the inland rather than the coastal route. We were glad to learn that the Army at last has accepted the view that a road should be constructed. The commission has been urging it for years."

"But we believe it is a mistake to construct the road over the inland route."

Recklessness Charge Costs Motorist \$75

Found guilty of reckless driving, William N. Brown, 56 years old, a mechanic, was fined \$75 and his driver's license was suspended 30 days by Acting Police Judge Van C. Griffin yesterday.

Ed Phillips, 25, printer, and Fred Headley, 31, mechanic, were each fined \$50 for reckless driving. Their licenses were suspended for 30 days.

Charges of reckless driving against Lowell E. Rasmussen, 27, and David Muskafell, 25, both salesmen, were dismissed.

Fined for negligent driving were Walter A. Peters, 28, longshoreman, \$10, and Edgar J. Farley, 21, laborer, \$3.

Mrs. Dorothy O. Phelps, 38, housewife; Frank J. Lungo, 19, mechanic; J. H. Nason, 27, laborer; and Earl S. Hughes, 45, guard; each forfeited \$25 on charges of negligent driving.

Clarence E. Miles, 30, mechanic, was fined \$10 for failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian in a crossing and \$5 for driving without an operator's license. Eugene Cunningham, 28, electrician, forfeited \$10 on a charge of not having had his car tested and \$5 for driving without a license.

Cat Wrecks Auto And Cuts City's Power Service

MILTON, Mass., March 14.—(AP)—A cat—a black one—dashed in front of the automobile of Robert C. King of Milton with this result: The car went out of control and cut off an electric-light pole at the base; gasoline poured from a punctured tank; sparks flew from broken wires, the Boston Edison Company was obliged to cut off electric current in one-third of the town for an hour; firemen had to roll out to wash away gasoline, and King went to Milton Hospital, slightly injured.

The cat escaped unscathed.

West Seattle Club Session

West Seattle Commercial Club will meet Monday noon in the West Seattle Christian Church.

TWINS JOIN NAVY HERE



Identical twins who have been working together at Boeing Aircraft Company for the past eight months, Richard Oscar (center) and Robert Axel Sandstrom, 1806 16th Ave., are shown as they enlisted yesterday in the Naval Reserve Class V-2, at Aviation Machinist's Mate Ground School. Chief Machinist's Mate Lester E. Sliffe (left) signed them up. They played football, basketball and track together in high school at Clatskanie, Or.

TRAINMEN SHOT IN RAIL DISPUTE

(See Page 18 for wirephoto.)

PEORIA, Ill., March 14.—(AP)—Three trainmen were shot last night in strike violence climaxing a day during which a senator demanded that President Roosevelt take over operation of the 239-mile Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad.

Senator Mead, Democrat, New York, urged presidential intervention unless George P. McNear, Jr., president of the shortline, immediately stopped what Mead described as his "defiance of all authority." He said McNear had been locking out employees and had defied all attempts of authorities to settle the 76-day-old controversy over a new union contract.

McNear, who refused to comply with a compulsory order of the War Labor Board to arbitrate the dispute, said meanwhile he was "giving careful consideration" to the board's final demand for arbitration. The board said in its order that any refusal to settle a road dispute involving a small but vital link of transportation "was intolerable in time of war."

Bypass Around Chicago

The line, running between Effner, Ind., and Keokuk, Iowa, serves as a bypass around Chicago for transcontinental freight shipments. The dispute involves 104 employees.

As the result of last night's shotgun-bombing of a train crew, Engineer E. C. Pittman was likely to lose the sight of one eye. The others wounded were Bert Taylor, fireman, and Harold Kipling, the line's special agent.

During the past few days pickets, including American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations unionists, have stopped train movements. Two railroad buildings were set afire Wednesday night.

40-Hour Week Can't Win War, Says U. P. Chief

LOS ANGELES, March 14.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations unionists, have stopped train movements. Two railroad buildings were set afire Wednesday night.

"I have no quarrel with the 40-hour week as such," Jeffers told a press conference yesterday. "But it's a peace-time luxury and it will be suspended until the war is won."

Jeffers said he knew no reason why men in industry shouldn't work 60, or even 70, hours weekly. "The working man knows the situation," Jeffers observed, "and I'm sure the mass of labor would fall in with a program to increase the working week."

The important thing, Jeffers said, is to end week-end blackouts in industrial plants.

Union Pacific shop employees now work nine hours a day six days a week, sometimes seven, Jeffers declared, adding:

"And they're doing it willingly."

MacArthur To Be Honored At 'Point's' Show

WEST POINT, March 14.—(AP)—The life of Gen. Douglas MacArthur will be dramatized tonight at the United States military academy as the highlight of a 140th anniversary program.

Maj. Gen. Francis B. Wilby, academy superintendent, and Maj. Gen. Frank R. McCoy, retired, president of the Association of Graduates, will speak.

Idaho to Study Plague

BOISE, March 14.—(AP)—Laboratory Director L. J. Peterson announced yesterday that a state plague survey will start April 15, but that the "precautionary" check will be completed before the end of the year and some new areas to see if infection has spread among rodents.

BACKYARD POLL ON WAR TAKEN

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(AP)—The government is making a backyard check of the public's idea on the war program.

Responsible authorities disclosed that the opinion of all sections of the nation would be sampled informally to get views on such controversial issues as strikes, wage controls, price fixing, longer hours in war plants and even on the conduct of the military campaigns.

Results of the survey may be used as a basis for new laws and executive orders to change some aspects of the war program.

While the survey was to be far from complete, an influential member of Congress said there was no doubt that extensive dissatisfaction had been expressed with the progress of the military production program.

Public Complaints

Members of Congress also have been receiving an increasingly large number of complaints. Senator Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma, declared yesterday in letters he addressed to Donald M. Nelson, war production chief, cabinet members and other officials.

Asking the officials to appear before a Senate appropriations subcommittee for general questioning, Thomas said it was obvious to him the public thought the 40-hour-week law, "exorbitantly high prices being paid for labor" and the prevalence of strikes were retarding the war effort.

President Roosevelt told his press conference yesterday that the question of wage controls as a war measure was under consideration. Most administration supporters in Congress concluded that if legislation of this nature was asked, it would be in a form linking wages to the cost of living.

Walkouts Increase

Dealing directly with the question of strikes, Senator Mead, Democrat, New York, made public a report from the Secretary of Labor, Perkins, to the Senate Labor Committee. It showed that the number of walkouts in war industries had increased from 12 in January to 25 in February.

Secretary Perkins said last month 47,830 man-days were lost by 14,085 workers, compared with 10,660 man-days lost by 2,415 workers in January. She said none of these strikes was authorized by national unions and most of them were short.

NORWAY FAMINE REPORTED NEAR

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Japanese Paper Ordered to Quit, But Backs U. S.

After 39 years of continuous daily publication, there was no edition yesterday of The North American Times, a Japanese-language newspaper, by order of the United States Treasury Department.

The newspaper's publisher, Sumiyoshi Arima, an alien, is in custody of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, causing suspension of publication, according to Bud Fukui, editor, 117 1/2 Ave. Fukui said about 50 Japanese-Americans and aliens were employed.

Disappointment over the closing order was expressed in a page-one editorial of the final edition. It said, in part:

"... We felt it was vitally necessary to have The Times continue, at least until evacuation ... We hope Japanese readers will not lose confidence in the United States Government, and will support the cause for which the United States is fighting ..."

With an English section. The Times had a circulation of about 9,000 copies.

O. P. A. Plans To Ration Used Typewriters

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration today lifted restrictions on typewriter rentals and announced a plan for the limited rationing of used machines under temporary price ceilings.

The rationing will begin April 13 with the prices fixed at March 5 levels. Rental charges also are fixed under a 60-day emergency ceiling, effective immediately.

New typewriter stocks, now frozen, are not affected by the O. P. A. order, but it was said some new machines soon may be allocated. The used machines may be sold only to prime contractors at work on military or naval installations, shipyards or air bases, and operators of plants holding highest priority ratings. Even they must procure immediate need.

Sharp Blasts At Sea Shake Jersey Beach

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 14.—(AP)—A series of sharp explosions which Police Lieut. Charles Hill said "shook the beach front" were heard off the coast of this ocean resort early today.

The explosions occurred between 2 and 2:30 a. m.

TWO DIE; AUTO TOLL UP TO 36

King County's 1942 traffic toll was increased to 36 fatalities when two more persons died last night in Harborview County Hospital of injuries suffered in automobile accidents during the past two days.

Latest victims were Frank M. Daniel, 65 years old, who was injured fatally in a collision at 14th Avenue Northwest and West 61st Street yesterday forenoon, and Gonzalo Pasubillo, about 55, a pedestrian, who was struck by an automobile at 14th Avenue South and Washington Street Thursday night. Both died shortly after 7 o'clock last night.

North of Duane, 2016 Ravenna Blvd., superintendent of Seattle Public Schools, was driver of an automobile that struck two pedestrians at 15th Avenue Northeast and East 50th Street about 7:45 o'clock last night. The pedestrians were the Rev. and Mrs. Louis E. Scholl, 1724 E. 56th St. Mr. Scholl suffered a minor elbow injury. His wife was not injured.

Traffic Investigator Harmon M. Enslay gave McClure a traffic ticket charging failure to yield the right of way to pedestrians in a crossing.

Two utility poles were struck by automobiles at Eastlake Avenue and Franklin Avenue early this morning.

An automobile driven by Lawrence M. Heapy, 24, mechanic, struck a pole about 3:50 o'clock this morning when the motorist failed to make a turn while driving north in Eastlake Avenue. Heapy was hurled with reckless driving by Traffic Investigators W. H. Paust and W. L. Odlin and was held in the city jail.

An hour later, another car failed to make a turn and knocked down a pole about 100 feet from the first one. The driver abandoned the car, said Police Officer 20, Portland, Or., suffered a brain concussion when the motorcycle he was driving collided with an automobile at Webb Center in the Seattle-Tacoma Highway. He was taken to Harborview, where his condition was said to be fair.

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Hotel Guests Shown Damage They've Done

ST. LOUIS, March 14.—(AP)—Whether it is inconsiderate of hotel guests or employees to wreck the furniture, break dishes, bend silverware and stain the linen makes little difference.

The point is that the growing shortage of materials makes replacements difficult. That's why Meacham, manager of the St. Louis Hotel, set up an exhibit of damaged articles in the lobby.

There are barrels of broken and chipped dishes and glasses, stacks of twisted and bent knives, forks and spoons and chairs with broken legs or punctured upholstery. There are sheets and towels torn beyond repair or stained with shoe polish, ink, cosmetics and medicine.

Simply worded placards explain the difficulty of replacing damaged linen and silver.

Meacham said the breakage to glassware and china alone sometimes runs almost \$1,000 a month.

Suspect Captured After Pistol Shots

Merchant Patrolman James Williams fired two pistol shots in the capture of a 29-year-old laborer about 3 o'clock this morning at Westlake Avenue North and Harrison Street.

Williams said he saw the man in front of a restaurant on his beat. The laborer told Williams that he was a guard for the restaurant. When the patrolman began to question the man, he threw a 20-inch steel bar in the back of a truck and ran north to John Street.

Two shots fired over the man's head attracted Police Patrolman Norman Berentsen, who captured the laborer behind a signboard.

The man was being held without charge in city jail today.

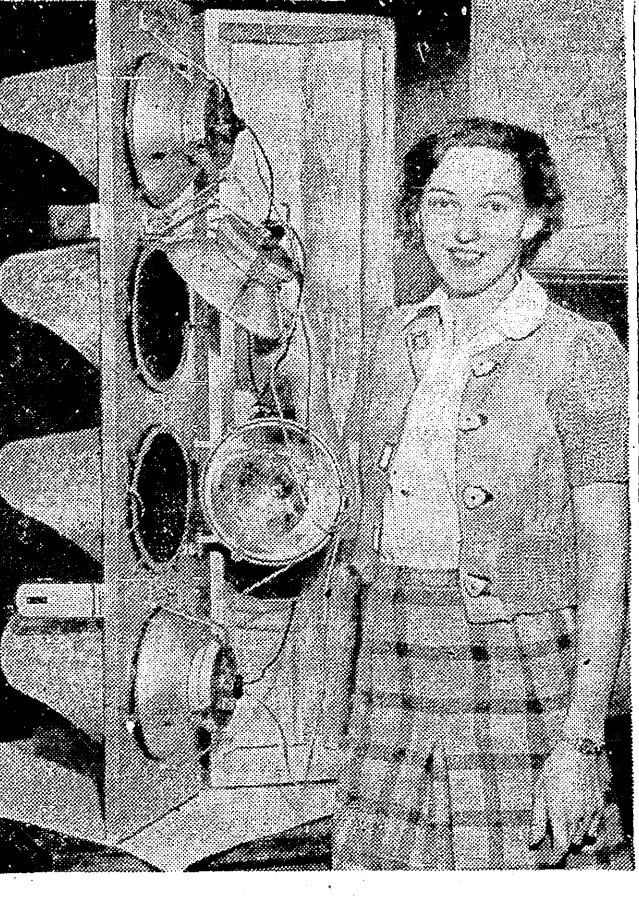
Washington, D. C., Has Test Blackout

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(AP)—Washington had a four-hour test blackout last night, the third since the start of the war. Government buildings, exempt from previous blackouts, turned out their lights for 30 minutes during the test.

Home-Shortage Study Set

To get further action on relieving the growing home shortage for war-industry workers, City Building Superintendent Charles C. Hughes has called a conference of city officials and defense organization executives for 9 o'clock Monday morning in the City Council offices.

WOOD TRAFFIC SIGNAL



Foreseeing the day when metal shortages may make it difficult to buy new traffic signals, J. W. A. Bollong, city traffic engineer, is experimenting with signals made of waterproof plywood. Mrs. Jessie Howard, employe in the department, is shown with the first sample of the model. Builders expect it to last at least three years.

DOUBLE-TIME ON SUNDAYS UPHELD

DETROIT, March 14.—(AP)—War production workers in General Motors Corporation plants covered by a labor agreement with the United Automobile Workers, a Congress of Industrial Organizations affiliate, must be paid double time on Sundays and holidays on swing shifts, a labor umpire has ruled.

G. Allen Dash Jr., permanent umpire for the corporation and the union, held late yesterday that the contract, which expires April 28, calls for payment of double time for Sunday and holiday work unless that work was specifically excepted from the technical nature of the process involved.

General Motors, which had contended that the swing shift was a "necessary seven-day operation" and thus came under the agreement's exception clause, had agreed before hand to abide by Dash's ruling.

Under the umpire's decision, the double-time provision will apply until termination of the agreement and will be retroactive to the start of swing shifts. Some plants placed the swing shift in operation last January.

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ALIEN CONTROL FORCE NAMED

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—As a step toward solving the enemy control problem, the Army announced today the creation of a wartime civilian control administration to be known as the Civil Affairs Branch.

Lieut. Gen. J. L. De Witt, commander of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army, announced establishment of the new branch of the general staff.

Lieut. Col. Karl R. Bendetsen of the War Department general staff was assigned to head the new branch, an assistant chief of staff, responsible to General De Witt.

Officers are to be opened throughout the area from whom Japanese and German and Italian aliens will be moved. These branch offices will handle the multitude of problems attendant on the movement from affected areas. A central office is located in the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco.

The Federal Reserve Bank is in charge of property protection, and in this respect John Lawlor, assistant to the secretary of the Treasury, will direct conservation of business, residential and intangible properties owned by those to be moved from the Western the Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, in their third extensive roundup of enemy aliens in California yesterday, and today, have jailed more than 300 Japanese and 17 Germans. The raids were continuing today.

A midnight count listed 252 Japanese in custody in Los Angeles, 16 each in San Diego and Fresno, all Japanese and 17 Germans in San Francisco.

More than 400 Pacific Coast Japanese aliens reached Santa Fe, N. M., today and were hustled off to the detention station for internment.

Most of the Japanese arrested were Buddhist priests and teachers in Japanese-language schools, which had been closed since December. The Dies committee charged recently that textbooks teaching fealty to Japan had been substituted for state-approved books. Japanese children attended public schools by day, Japanese classes at night.

One of the priests arrested here was Taigaku Uyeshima, 49 years old, head of a Buddhist organization mentioned by the Dies Committee.

Harold Nathan, F. B. I. chief at San Diego, said Japanese arrested there had taught subversive doctrines.

In San Francisco, Nat J. L. Pierson, F. B. I. agent in charge, reported "the persons taken into custody are definitely considered dangerous."

San Francisco agents seized Nazi "membership books, Nazi propaganda, Swastika flags and miniature figures of Hitler."

Two previous round-ups netted some 700 aliens, most of them Japanese.

HIRAM JOHNSON BACKS LANGER

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(AP)—The veteran Senator Hiram W. Johnson, Republican, California, declared in an interview today that he would not nearly every member to exonerate Senator Langer, Republican, North Dakota, of "moral turpitude" charges.

Johnson said he believed the case against Langer had been developed sufficiently before the Senate to permit nearly every member to make a decision.

The charges of moral turpitude, upon which the Senate elections committee voted 13 to 3 to deny Langer his seat, has been outlined to the Senate by Senator Lucas, Democrat, Illinois, in a speech he made on the floor five consecutive days.

British Plans Hold Up Peace, Finn Intimates

HELSINKI, March 14.—(AP)—Minister of Trade Valmari Tanner, who was Finland's foreign minister during the 1939-40 winter war with Russia, said yesterday there is reason to hope that Finland's part in the war "will end very soon."

Tanner said Finland had received many proposals from abroad to make a separate peace with Russia, but added these proposals must be rejected because of Russia's plans for Finland after the war. He did not say what the plans were, but said they had the sanction of a certain influential member of the British cabinet and the eminent newspaper, The Times.

From Bern came a report that a member of the Finnish Parliament declared in Stockholm that Finland had already lost more men in the present campaign against Russia than in the previous war when Finnish casualties were 60,000.

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