

Russia Asks Probe Of Conditions Throughout Greece

Extension Of U.S.'s Proposals Advocated

British Troops' Presence Sore

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. — (AP) — Russia proposed today that an American proposal for a United Nations investigation of conditions on both sides of the Greek frontier be extended to include a study of conditions throughout all Greece.

Soviet Delegate Andre A. Gromyko proposed also that any investigation of Greece's complaints against Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria be limited in the three neighboring countries to border areas adjacent to the Greek frontier.

Tips For Tipplers

If Booze Is On Your List, You Better Know The Law

By FRED MCKINNON
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The liquor law is so complicated these days that a plain ordinary citizen gets all bewildered, especially when he sets out to cross the border and bring back a load of Christmas spirits.

And since now is the time for a good many citizens to do just that, The News thinks it will be of information, gleaned from judges, solicitors, and practicing attorneys:

If your motives are good (and that means if you don't intend to sell the stuff again, and if you wish you'd get in more booze than you can carry as long as your car contains no more than one gallon per passenger.

If your motives are still good, and you can prove it, you can have as much liquor in your house as you wish.

The liquor law is a very complicated thing. Various amendments and conflicting Supreme Court rulings have messed it up further. Basically, a citizen of our country can transport, for his own use, as much as a gallon of legal low-proof liquor, provided the seal is not broken. It doesn't matter where or how the liquor was bought.

Now the law says nothing about possession, but most courts hold that if you're carrying a man to possess liquor if it's legal for him to

VFW Appeal

40-Year Housing Loans Advocated

By MARVIN L. ARROWWORTH

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 40-year, low-interest housing loan to veterans popped up today as the Government pledged an all-out drive to encourage the construction of homes for rent.

Appeal for long-term loans was addressed to the Federal Housing Administration by Commander Louis E. Starr of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

LIGHTED BY LAW

But a VFW official told a reporter Starr should have directed his request to Congress. He said the law now limits loans to 25 years in the case of one to four-family homes.

Starr said in a statement he had told FHA Chief Raymond M. Foley and VFW Executive Frank C. Creedon that elimination of most construction controls had ended the veterans emergency program.

"Veterans are the majority of whom are on the lower rung of the economic ladder," he said, "and new depend on the 'welfare' of the Government for housing."

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11 Japs Killed When Train Hits Snow Bank

NAGANO, Japan — (AP) — Eleven Japanese were killed and seven were injured seriously today as a train hit a snow bank near Tengu station. Two locomotives and two passenger cars overturned.

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Taft Urges Reason On Prices, Wages

Economic Report Made To Truman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, today called on business to keep prices down and on labor to refrain from "unreasonable" wage demands to avoid any possible economic recession in 1947.

Taft, who has the policy-making of the Senate, told a reporter today that President Truman's economic advisers should have placed more stress in their first annual report on the responsibility of labor and management to keep prices and wages in line.

Mr. Truman, who made the report public at his news conference yesterday said he would agree with his advisers' suggestion that there may be a "dip" in business next year.

The outlook for the country is good and will continue to be good, the Chief Executive told a group of reporters. If we can just get people to stay at work. He added that he didn't think any of the recent strikes will strike at all.

The President said he will make specific recommendations to Congress. He said he will carry out the proposals of his advisers, who cautioned that a serious recession could be averted by a tax cut and a stimulus for jobs and production in the next few years.

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When a reporter remarked that the Economic Council's report was "a good one," Mr. Taft said legislation would be necessary next year, Mr. Truman said he was to hear that.

The Council, set up by Congress earlier in the year, is headed by Mr. Taft.

As a member of the Senate-House Committee charged with acting on the President's economic recommendations before Feb. 1, Mr. Taft said he would like to see the Council's "observation" that any threatened recession can be averted by a tax cut and a stimulus for jobs and production on the part of business and labor.

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U.S. Runs In Black

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A good tax receipts schedule by quarterly payments that became due Dec. 15, turned a deficit of \$7,244,000 for the first year into a surplus of almost \$17,000,000 in single days.

The first time in the year that the Government had a surplus since mid-July year. Not since late August of 1945, when the red during the current fiscal year.

TAX RECEIPTS

The receipts for December, through the 17th, were running ahead of last year. The net was \$2,187,000 for December, 1946. For the fiscal year to date, receipts were \$16,944,000 against \$18,141,000 last year.

Government spending for December was down to \$1,544,000,000 as compared with \$1,628,000,000 for December, 1946. For the fiscal year to date, receipts were \$16,944,000 against \$18,141,000 last year.

For the fiscal year, spending has amounted to \$16,389,346,000 against \$18,141,000 last year.

The national debt also was down today, standing at \$258,989,000,000 against \$278,213,748,000 a year ago.

Official estimates still show a surplus of \$1,600,000,000 for the year, which ends next June 30. Some of the best tax collection months of the year are still ahead.

The Treasury's cash balance on Dec. 17 was \$3,896,070,899.77, compared with \$2,828,978,967.97 a year ago. The balance stood at \$8,619,233,522.

McNitt Reaches Manila

MANILA (AP) — U. S. Ambassador McNitt, suffering from a severe cold, arrived by air today from Washington. He said he would call on President Roxas tomorrow "if still well" and return to the United States soon to go into business.

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Flares When Quizzed As To \$25,000 Fund Details

Bitter Against Ex-Secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senator G. G. Bilbo, Democrat, Mississippi, angrily testified today that he "did not get a damn cent" of \$25,000 handed to him in a hotel room by a war contractor.

Bilbo flared up for the first time at the Senate War Investigating Committee hearing when Senator Ferguson, Republican, Michigan, pressed him for details about the \$25,000 fund.

"You want to know how much Bilbo got," Bilbo said, slapping the table. "That's the purpose of the investigation. I did not get a damn cent."

STATEMENT MADE

The outbreak came as Bilbo was testifying in reading 42-page prepared statement denying complaints against him in connection with war contractor.

The Senator said he was given a few checks amounting to \$25,000 from G. G. Bilbo, Mississippi contractor who shared in profits from war jobs.

Ferguson broke up repeated questions about why Newton had given the \$25,000 to Bilbo.

"Bilbo said that he was trying to re-elect Wall Doxy, present Senator," Ferguson said. "I would remember that Doxy had been in need of funds."

When Ferguson testified to know every detail about what was said, he said he was not sure who got the checks, where the money was put, Bilbo said back in his chair.

"Senator, you are a reasonable man," Bilbo told Ferguson. "Do not say anything more than I said. I said a casual conversation more than four years ago. I do not remember any time you got \$25,000, Ferguson shot back.

"I do not remember if the \$25,000 was for me," Bilbo replied quickly. "It was for Wall Doxy's campaign."

Bilbo said he had not selected the names of those who were to receive the money. He said he had to raise funds and support for Doxy, but that he had made a list of names.

Ferguson wanted to know how long after this the group went to the hotel room where Bilbo got the \$25,000.

"You did not allow them to see it, did you?" Ferguson asked.

"They don't see off when I talk to you," Bilbo came back. "I do not remember who they were. I do not remember who they were."

Lashing out bitterly at an ex-Republican, Bilbo declared it is an "old Southern custom" to give money to war contractors.

Bilbo denied that he had sought gifts or funds, "with the possible exception of the money that I received to make a private settlement with my ex-wife."

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"FOUR MAN"

Bilbo said the evidence to date is that he was not a war contractor and he was not involved in any way. He said he received a very poor report on his conduct. He said he covered but two Christmas gifts, one automobile and the other five pieces of furniture consisting of a sofa, three floor lamps and two table lamps.

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Sloan Says Wages Linked To Prices

BOSTON (AP) — Alfred P. Sloan, chairman of the General Motors Corp., asserted flatly today that wages could not be raised without increasing prices.

He told the Boston Chamber of Commerce that the idea that a wage increase is justified simply by an increase in living costs is an economic absurdity.

"Such a policy," Sloan said in a prepared speech, "can only result in a higher price level and a resulting inflation in the general price level."

"Wages and prices are linked together," Sloan said. "If wages go up, prices go up. If prices go up, wages go up. It is a vicious circle."

Sloan said that the only way to break the cycle is to increase productivity and efficiency. He said that the only way to increase productivity and efficiency is to invest in new machinery and equipment.

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Bailey's Will Filed

RALEIGH (AP) — Joshua W. Bailey, North Carolina Senator, died here at his home Sunday, left an estate valued at \$227,800, according to the will filed for probate in the office of the Clerk of Court today.

Beneficiaries named in the will, which was dated Sept. 2, 1945, are his widow and five children: Mrs. Edith P. Bailey, widow of Dr. H. Blount St. John, two sons, Joshua W. Jr. of Morehead City, James H. Post of Raleigh, and three daughters, Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Primm of Washington, D. C., Miss Edith Post Bailey of N. C., Miss St. John of Raleigh, and Miss Sally Bailey of the same address.

The will included the following provisions: Real estate, \$200,000; life insurance, \$64,000; cash, \$10,000; and securities, \$4,800.

The will stated that the five children should share alike from the proceeds of the 135 acres in House Creek Township. His widow, Mrs. Edith P. Bailey, was given a request of one-half the undivided income of the estate. The will also drew Johnson property on Martin and Salisbury Sts., Raleigh, and \$10,000 in cash for the balance of the one-half interest, and the children 60 per cent.

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Outlines Program

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