

Chief reason the President stays in hot water so much of the time is his loyalty to his "bumbling" friends, Drew Pearson, Walter Winchell, Merry-Go-Round. For the details turn to Mr. Pearson's column on the editorial page, (Page 4-A).

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Russians Work Hard On Atomic Research

By EDDY GILMORE
NEW YORK — (AP) — Russia is devoting a large portion of her national energy to atomic research — toward perfecting possibilities, she says, not toward a bomb.

However, with other nations in possession of the bomb's secrets and showing no inclination to share them, it is possible that Russia could be extremely un-realistic to say she has finally about the Soviets' eyes to that side of the laboratory.

It is, of course, impossible for a newsman in Russia, armed with the limited amount of information he has on hand, to give a highly secret subject, to say anything more than that the Soviets and the bomb. However, there is reason to believe—and I emphasize with finality about the Soviets—that Russia must be well behind the United States. There are those in responsible diplomatic and military positions who hold the same opinion.

But, it should be borne in mind that Foreign Minister Molotov, speaking at the Kremlin last Nov. 6, said that Russia would have some energy and many other things. One never should underestimate the Russians.

It has not been placed on record in Russia today, however, than on any other single day. As a result of the atomic bomb, now have been raised several questions beyond any position they were given in the war on a level with the top brackets.

NEW LABORATORIES
The Government is hard at work on the new laboratories, finding them the equipment they want, vacating them the soon they can be used. The Government scientists want they can have for the asking, which is quite a little thing, since the Government has a great deal of money.

The Soviets have acknowledged, too, that their scientists are enthusiastic about the atomic bomb. They have been awarded extra special food rations, automobiles, money, and other privileges. They have been awarded extra special food rations, automobiles, money, and other privileges.

These detachments are not something quite knocked to the side of the road, as the Communists would have you believe. They have electric lighting, heating and modern sanitation. They have tennis courts, volleyball courts and many well equipped buildings.

Russia's leaders have no illusions about how far her scientists must see ATOM WORK on page 11-A

Heated For Floor Senate Committee Okays Drastically Changed OPA Bill

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate Banking Committee approved a drastically amended price control extension bill today and prepared to send it to the Senate floor for action next week.

Majority Leader Barkley, Kentucky, said he will formally report the measure, but he told reporters that his action is not to be construed as an endorsement of numerous amendments or of the bill as a whole.

NO BIPARTISAN VOTE
The bill, perfected last yesterday, was acted upon today without a record vote.

Over better minority protests, the Banking Committee has passed a formal recommendation to the Chamber that it vote to extend the OPA bill on page 11-A

Veto Is Possibility Showdown Is Near On Franco Report

By CHARLES A. GEMICH
NEW YORK (AP) — Russia and the big Western powers in the United Nations Security Council—all three armed with the knockout punch of the veto—headed for a showdown today over a subcommittee's appraisal of Franco Spain as a potential menace to peace.

As the Council prepared to assemble after a recess, a spokesman for a delegation representing the subcommittee said he understood one of the Big Three might invoke the veto.

It was authoritatively reported in the present form of the Franco report, and Britain for divergent reasons.

Before the subcommittee in the State of France, a Gromko could be expected to urge to avert action against Franco's immediate and complete withdrawal from Spain.

Bottom Age Limit May Be Put At 19 Youths Of 18 May Be Exempted

WASHINGTON — (AP) — House and Senate braced today for a tug of war over resuming the teen-age draft. But there were hints of a compromise in a K H R nineteen-year-olds eligible and exempting those of eighteen.

The two chambers found themselves poles apart on the teen age issue in their efforts to decide how to continue the draft. The Senate was overwhelmingly in continued use of teen agers in the services, the House just as overwhelmingly against it.

SHOWDOWN NEARED
The Senate pushed the question forward a showdown when it gave a stamping 60 to 40 majority yesterday to the bill for keeping the main provisions of the wartime draft act in force until next May.

Although it differed on a number of points from the House measure, the Senate bill raised the teen age provision promised to be the big stumbling block in the bill which the Senate passed along to a Senate-House conference committee.

The conferees, seven Senators and seven Representatives, must adjust all the differences and persuade the House to accept the Senate recommendations between now and June 30, when the present law expires.

Length of extension: The Senate voted to continue the draft until next May 15; the House until next February 15.

Age of inductees: The Senate by a 53 to 26 count voted to continue the draft until age 19; the House by a 193 to 96 tally ordered a halt to teen-age inductions. The top draft age in the House bill is 29, in the Senate's, 44.

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The Senate voted to raise pay for drafted men only, ranging from 50 per cent for bank privates to smaller increases for other ranks. The House refused to pay raises ranging from 50 per cent for privates to 100 per cent for first-sergeants.

Induction "holidays": The House ordered a moratorium on all inductions prior to Oct. 15. The Senate turned that proposal down.

Chicago Disaster Probes Launched

CHICAGO HOTEL—Flames which originated below the cocktail lounge of the La Salle Hotel in Chicago, Ill., quickly swept through the "fire-proof" structure causing the death of at least 58 persons. Many were suffocated by the dense smoke which rolled upwards

killed when they jumped from windows to escape the flames. Here is the scene at the main entrance of the hotel as firemen and rescue workers remove the body of one of the victims. (NEA Telephone photo).

Sea Worker Parley Held

SEATTLE — (AP) — World maritime leaders opened an international conference here today in an effort to improve working and living conditions of seafaring men who may be given a demonstration of American labor strategy.

The opening of the International Labor Organization's maritime conference was scheduled for the same hour as a work stoppage by 2,000 members of two AFL maritime unions in all ports on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts.

Harry Lundberg, president of the AFL Seafarers International Union, one of the unions involved in a dispute with shipowners, is also an American labor delegate to the maritime conference.

The 23-day conference opens in Seattle's civic auditorium with a keynote address by Secretary of Labor Robert H. La Follette. Election of a conference president, three vice-presidents and the all-important steering committee are other events on the opening agenda.

Labor delegates from the 32 nations already represented in the conference are expected to be in Seattle by the end of the week. The conference is expected to last for a week.

Seattle representatives plan to push for the highest minimum wage they can obtain.

Quit Work To Attend Emergency Meetings

NEW THREAT OF STRIKE DEVELOPS
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Thousands of AFL seamen walked off their ships in American seaports today, adding the threat of an AFL strike to the grave maritime labor situation.

As the AFL men met in simultaneous "stop-work" meetings at 27 points in the United States, President of the AFL Seafarers International Union, said in San Francisco, where seamen walked off his ship, that it was possible that the emergency meetings would develop into a nation-wide maritime strike.

Until today the maritime crisis centered on CIO unions, whose representatives were in Washington, HEARINGS ORDERED
Also in the Capital, a Congressional Committee decided to hold hearings in an effort to prevent a maritime strike.

One CIO National Maritime Union leader said he would like to join colleagues in Washington, D. C., to help in the country were joining the AFL Seamen in today's "stop-work" movement, as a "demonstration of unity."

The union official declared the War Shipping Administration and ship operators were "rushing ships out to sea as fast as they can" to meet the June 15 strike deadline.

"They are sending a lot of those crews out now to escape the strike because they know that we cannot strike in a foreign port and that we cannot strike while at sea," he said.

Negotiations between the NMU and the War Shipping Administration continued at the Labor Department amid signs they were reaching a settlement. The union's last offer—a 44-hour week at sea. Seamen now on duty in the union first demanded a 40-hour week.

There were reports that the War Shipping Administration might step into the talks soon, showing the operators aside and dealing directly with the CIO maritime union.

BOSTON: PARADE
To "bring our story before the people" about 200 members of the See AFL SEAMEN on page 11-A

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Wind Tunnels Wanted Plan To Test Speeds Up To 7,600 M. P. H.

Market Line Stage Riot

Gold Star Mothers Elect Calif. Woman

Truman Medals Now Available

Thousands of Charlotte Housewives yesterday signed the "I Share" pledge as suggested by the Family Emergency Committee and hundreds of Charlotte food merchants, advertising in The Charlotte News, have pledged to give you the best food values obtainable in these days of shortages. Use The Charlotte News' food pages as your guide to the finest foods available in town.

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