

# Pay Boost OK Due This Week But Teachers Fight for More

Albany—(P)—The Legislature is expected to vote unanimous approval early this week of a \$32 million appropriation to provide temporary salary increases for the public school teachers of the state, but the teachers and their sympathizers will press for establishment of larger and permanent raises at the present session.

The teacher pay bill probably will come to a vote in the Senate tonight and in the Assembly tomorrow morning. To facilitate immediate passage, Governor Dewey is expected to send an emergency message to the Legislature.

Under terms of the bill, based on recommendations of Dewey's Special Committee on Education, raises ranging from \$200 to \$500 and a minimum salary of \$2,000 a year will be established.

THE \$32 MILLION will be allocated to school districts with the proviso that, as of Jan. 1, 1947, and continuing until March 31, 1948, they pay teachers at the rate of \$300 a year more than the salaries that prevailed on June 30, 1945. Normal increments are not figured in this arrangement.

School districts that have granted raises since the latter date will be permitted to reimburse themselves for the amounts of the increases, up to \$300.

Teachers must be paid a minimum of \$2,000. Inasmuch as some rural teachers earn only \$1,200 their increase will amount to \$800 over their June 30, 1945, salaries.

Arvie Eldred, executive secretary of the New York State Teachers Association, with a claimed membership of 44,000, said yesterday that the majority of school districts had increased salaries since June 30, 1945. Some of the raises have been less than \$200 and some more.

ELDRID PREDICTED that most school districts would grant the \$300 raise in addition to those put into effect in the last 18 months.

He said the association would not oppose the temporary increase, but would fight for enactment by the 1947 Legislature of a long-range program providing for larger increases and their incorporation in the permanent salary schedules.

The Board of Regents urged last week that the 1947 legislature "make permanent an adequate pay schedule" for the state's 72,000 teachers.

THE STATE Teachers Association wants the permanent schedule to range from a minimum of \$2,400 to a maximum of \$9,000, exclusive of New York City. The state mandated maximum update now is approximately \$2,800, Eldred said.

Bills to meet this demand, providing for an increase of \$100 million over the present \$126 million in state aid to education, have been introduced by Republican Senators Fred A. Young of Lowville and William F. Condon of Yonkers and Assemblyman Lewis Olliffe of Brooklyn.

Brother Killed

Poplar Bluff, Mo.—(P)—W. Frank Steelman, 42, brother of Rev. Conventor Director John F. Steelman, was killed instantly yesterday by the accidental discharge of a shotgun while hunting rabbits on the Black River in southeastern Missouri.

Steelman, owner of an automobile supply store at Portageville, Mo., and two companions were visiting their hunting clubhouse on the river, but Steelman was alone at the time of the accident.

Butler County Coroner Grover Greer said Steelman apparently lost his footing and fell, causing the gun to discharge and that no inquest was necessary.

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## Democrat Aid On Budget Cut Seen in Senate

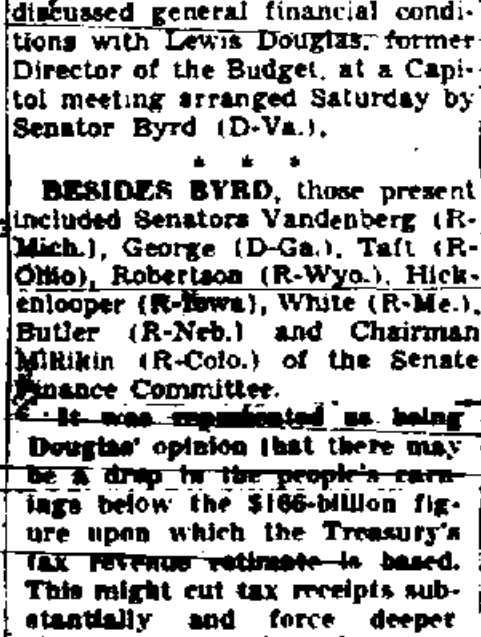
Washington—(P)—A Republican-Democratic coalition aimed at slashing President Truman's \$37,500,000,000 budget appeared to be developing yesterday in advance of Congress' first official action on it.

## Defense of Office Vowed by Talmadge

Atlanta—(P)—Herman Talmadge, whose claim to the governorship of Georgia is currently challenged by M. E. Thompson, declared last night that he would continue to hold the office and would "not yield to any threat or bow to force."

## Joan's Happy In Role of Clerk's Wife

Pittsburgh—(P)—Titan-haired Joan Barry, one-time protegee of actor Charlie Chaplin, was busy being a "contented wife and mother," yesterday after revealing she had married a Pittsburgh railroad clerk three months ago.



JOAN BARRY

It is my purpose to hold the governor's office and perform my duties within the law," said Talmadge.

COMMENTING on Talmadge's statement, Thompson denied he had ever contemplated resorting to force.

"I have always said," he declared, "that I would not use force and I am perfectly willing, as always, to trust my case entirely to the courts."

Talmadge's statement declared that his opponents "are even boasting of the fact they have attacked the Supreme Court of Georgia against us."

"I AM NOT worrying about all these boasts," he said, reiterating that he did not believe the courts have "legal jurisdiction."

Referring to charges by former Governor Arnall that he had seized a military camp and seized the governor's office without authority, Talmadge asserted: "I wish to emphatically deny this charge."

BYRON D. THOMPSON, who has been elected to the governorship last week and continued:

"Former Governor Arnall has charged the Legislature with being subservient. The Legislature is a sovereign body and each member represents his own people and they did as they wished. I defied the Legislature and the members thereof. Pressure and force was put upon members by our opposition."

TURNING AGAIN to his contest with Thompson, Talmadge said: "According to fair play and all the rules of the game, M. E. Thompson should be a good sport and admit defeat. He first said he would bring the courts to make his case, then he changed his mind and entered a contest with us before the Legislature. He chose his forum and he lost."

"As the governor of your state, I will proceed with my duties in accordance with the constitution and laws of this state. These duties are being performed and such acts as may be necessary will be taken in the performance of my duties."

THE PROMISE of litigation to prevent Talmadge from spending state money came as Thompson supporters hastened to bring the case before the Georgia Supreme Court and Talmadge, although contending that the tribunal is without jurisdiction, said he would search on regionalism in the night.



WASHED ASHORE AT CAPE COD—A spectator examines the 65-foot finback whale washed ashore at Truro, Mass. The whale, fourth sea-going mammal stranded on Cape Cod since last November, was dead when found. (AP Wirephoto).

## Poles Cast Votes; 8 Die in Violence

Warsaw—(P)—Polish voters chose their first post-war Parliament yesterday in an election lacking in secrecy and marked by intimidation of the opposition, to the Communist-supported government bloc. At least eight persons were killed in election day violence, initial reports said last night.

Vice Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, leader of the opposition Polish Peasant (PSL) Party, said last night he would decide within a few days whether he would resign from the government if the bloc parties scored an overwhelming victory.

THERE SEEMED LITTLE doubt that the bloc would win, but Mikolajczyk clung to the hope that the PSL would be victorious if the votes were legally cast and counted.

He said that despite intimidation and coercion there should be enough votes to give his party a majority if the votes were fairly tabulated.

Mikolajczyk indicated that if the count fails to reflect what he considers to be the vote of the people he probably would ask the Supreme Court to declare the elections null and void.

The counting began last night. Although official results will not be disclosed until Jan. 31, scattered returns indicative of the election trend are expected to be announced today.

BLOC ORGANIZERS in cities throughout Poland were in groups of three went from house to house, rounded up the voters and led them to the polls. Many voters said they were told that unless they voted for the bloc candidates they would face loss of jobs, their homes, or even imprisonment.

Reports of violence followed on the heels of the balloting. Seven Polish Southerners were killed in a clash with anti-government underground bands at Varnos near Lublin. Another band of 60 tried to attack voting precincts but was driven off by militiamen.

One of the wounded party was killed by the underground in southeastern Poland.

Mikolajczyk said agitators among the bloc parties had spread reports that his wife was dead or going to be arrested. He declared he did not expect arrest because there was "no reason" for the government to take such a step.

He said he and ministers belonging to his party might step out when the election results are definitely known, but that in some of action remained to be determined.

EARLIER Mikolajczyk had been jeered and booed by crowds when he emerged from the Warsaw airport where he had voted. Militiamen broke up demonstrators who shouted "Down with Mikolajczyk and 'we don't want American and British ambassadors here."

Marshall Takes Off For Washington

Burbank, Calif.—(P)—Gen. G. Marshall, en route to Washington to assume his duties as secretary of state, left here last night in his Army C-54 for the Capitol.

His transport plane left at 6:52 o'clock (PST) after a nine-hour visit in the Los Angeles area. He is expected to arrive in Washington today.

IRAQI Red Leader Held

Baghdad, Iraq—(P)—Baghdad police arrested yesterday the leader of the Iraqi Communist Party and five members of its central committee in a raid. Police said the group had been leading the 30 years.

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Still without medical attention as far as homicide squad detectives could learn were a number of other participants who drank the concoction.

Police said the mixture, frequently called "smoke," is used to stupefy victims to avoid the usual intoxicating beverages.

FATAL TO 5

Washington—(P)—Five persons were dead here yesterday following a party at which "crabmeat highballs" were served.

The highballs were composed of denatured alcohol and paint remover, police said.

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## Only 200 Saved From Icy Waters Of Gulf Near Athens

Athens—(P)—The 1,800-ton Greek steamer Chimarra, crowded with passengers, struck a mine and sank in the Gulf of Petalion before dawn yesterday, taking to their deaths up to 400 fear-maddened persons who fought for survival on her slanting decks.

One survivor, a 44-year-old school teacher, estimated that almost 200 of those drowned were women and children. He said: "I am afraid every child aboard was lost and 95 per cent of the women."

It was the worst maritime disaster in modern Greek history. The ship sank into the icy waters of the gulf, about 20 miles east of Athens, within a half hour after she struck the mine.

The merchant marine ministry said 500 survivors had been rescued from the 525 passengers and 87 crewmen aboard and that five ships were at the scene to pick up any others who might still be alive. Planes also aided the rescue.

THE SCHOOL TEACHER, Xristides Mytakis, said that shortly after the accident many of the passengers, still befuddled with sleep, lurched blindly into cabins and apertures seeking exits to the deck. The deck itself was filled with a "solid wall of cursing, fighting men," he said.

Because the ship sank so swiftly only two of her six lifeboats could be launched. Explaining that he made his way to one of these boats, Mytakis said:

"Not a single woman was in our lifeboat when it dropped into the water. I learned that when we were pulling away from the ship, and I checked as best I could in the pitch darkness."

THE MOONLESS DARKNESS had added to the confusion. The explosion at 4 a. m. tore off the port bow of the Chimarra and knocked out the electric power supply, negating efforts to send SOS calls.

Mytakis said the ship's master had attempted to beach the vessel but had been prevented from doing so by a broken rudder control.

The mine presumably had closed sweepers since the war. Mines off the coast of adjoining Albania damaged two British destroyers and killed 44 sailors last October, provoking a British complaint to the United Nations Security Council.

THE CHIMARRA, formerly the German ship Hertha, which was awarded to Greece after the war, sailed from Salonika Saturday morning for the Athens port of Piraeus and struck the mine a few miles offshore from Rafina, which is 15 miles east of Athens on the opposite side of the coast of the Attica peninsula. The disaster occurred near the island of Kavallari, south of Chalkis.

The marine ministry said some members of parliament might have been aboard and lost, because parliament assemblies tomorrow.

Swarms of humans tried to force their way to the deck as the ship listed heavily to port immediately after the blast. Survivors among the first 38 reaching Athens said the ship had been packed like sardines. They told of screams of horror from men, women and children while the ship lurched crazily before plunging seaward.

SCORES PLUNGED into the frigid waters; others were trapped below deck. The cold and exposure apparently killed many and a heavy fog from shore drove back some trying to reach land.

Wireless Operator George PEPES, 36, said he and the captain and first and second mates were the last on deck to leave the sinking vessel.

Both were found unconscious in separate bedrooms, and were not revived until an inhalator squad had worked over them for nearly an hour. Rowan, a salesman, is in a critical condition with severe burns. The daughter is expected to recover.

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FRIS said passengers scrambled so madly for one lifeboat that it capsized and "I believe all aboard were drowned." He, the master and mates were lifeboats.

"We swam for several hours before we managed to get hold on some barrels," the radio operator recalled. "This helped save our lives. Later we were picked up by a cutter. There were about 20 survivors on the cutter, which was heavily loaded."

FIFTY POLITICAL DEPORTEES were aboard en route to an island exile. Also aboard were a number of gentlemen who had escorted Prince Paul on his trip through turbulent Macedonia.

It was reported without confirmation that the Prince was aboard the destroyer Themistocles which either had preceded or was following the Chimarra.

FRIS said the captain tried without success to restore order after the explosion. He said there were lifeboats for all.

Another survivor said he heard pistol shots during the wild 20 minutes it took the Chimarra to sink.

FRIS SAID crowding of ships sailing those waters had protected to the merchant marine ministry that the waters were extremely dangerous at night because of loose mines. He said the ministry ignored the protests and ordered ships to continue their night schedules.



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Evansville, Ill.—(P)—Don't let it American language. He believes but down south the words probably get you down if you don't know where to look when someone says, "Nimshi on the Tikitee."

"Look at the nimshi on the Tikitee," many regional expressions to be known as a prank in other states.

A traveler in America yesterday, Johnson said, would make many discoveries. For instance, children playing on a seaway in the south, a teeter-totter in most other sections, a dandyboard on New England and a tipple bounce on Block Island, off the coast of Rhode Island, all would be doing west.

A TRANSPLANTED North Carolinian, Johnson has done research on regionalism in the night. To a mid-west housewife a kettle anyone bold and audacious in the night mean a sauce or stew pan, bodacious.