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SOLONS AIM TO PREVENT HOME LIENS

Two Pima Legislators Plan Protection for Domicile Builders

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PHOENIX, Jan. 18.—Tentative drafts of two bills designed to protect home builders against liens for unpaid material and labor claims have been prepared by two Pima county legislators, Reps. Ray Martin and Paul J. Riley. They will be thoroughly reviewed and possible changes made before introduction in the current session of the legislature.

First of these measures requires all licensed contractors to provide any one of three types of bond:

1. A surety bond in amount of contract, conditioned upon completion of the contract and payment of all sub-contract, labor, and material charges.

2. In lieu of the above, a similarly conditioned bond with one or more responsible persons as sureties.

3. In lieu of either of these, a similarly conditioned bond with the principal materials supplier as surety. Bonds would be excepted in cases where the contractor received a waiver from the person for whom the construction was being done.

Definition Given

A "responsible" person is defined as one whose net worth is at least $15,000. A material supplier acting as surety would have to have a net worth of at least $10,000. Violators would be subject to a fine of from $100 to $300, six months in jail, or both.

Riley said these penalties were set up in order to keep violations within the jurisdiction of justice courts. However, he believes they should be increased since a contractor involved in a job costing a substantial amount would not be frightened by a $300 fine.

The second bill would require permits from county assessors for all construction, alteration, improvement, or repair within the county. The fee for such permits would be $2.50. It would require the filing of completion notices by contractors, and reduce the period for filing liens from 30 to 15 days.

Same Penalties

Penalties would be the same as those provided in the bill requiring completion bonds.

The bills were drafted after conferences held in Tucson following financial failure of two contractors there, with resultant liens against a number of home purchasers.

Further conferences are planned before the bills are introduced.

One important bill introduced today as the legislature concluded the first week of its current session would create a state reserve fund.

It is one of the measures advocated by Gov. Howard Pyle at the beginning of the session. Similar bills have been offered in the past, but have never been adopted.

The bill would provide that all surpluses in excess of $1 million be placed in the fund at the end of each fiscal year.

The $1 million could be used by the state tax commission to reduce the annual levy, but the remainder would be held in reserve as a cushion for less prosperous times or for capital improvements.

Appropriation Necessary

Money in the fund could be expended only upon appropriation by the legislature.

The surplus last year, it was pointed out, was $6 million. Had the reserve fund been in operation at this time it would contain $5 million.

As it is, a fund of $1.5 million is being held in reserve under the guise of having been appropriated to various purposes for which no actual authorization has ever been made.

Sponsors of the bill are Reps. Kel M. Fox, Yavapai, leader of the minority bloc, and Jack Cummard, Maricopa, a majority member.

The usual "feed" bills hit the house hopper today. One is for $225,000 to meet operating costs of the session. The other appropriates $35,300 to the legislative drafting bureau.

No bills have as yet been reported from committee for consideration on the floor.

WILLOUGHBY IN SPAIN

LA CORUNA, Spain, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's former intelligence officer, arrived here today for a three-month vacation in Spain. He told newsmen he hopes to review Spain's civil war battles with Spanish army leaders.

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Any Port in the Storm

Wind-driven rains pounding Southern California brought flooded streets, toppled trees, disrupted communications and fun for kids like these in the Los Angeles suburb of Downey, Calif. Brian Jeannette, 7, and brother Iberis, 3, tie up their washtub ship at a street-side parking meter. Water, tight up against building frgnts, was seeping into stores and basements. (AP Wirephoto).

Humphrey Entering Minnesota Primary at Truman's Request

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Senator Humphrey (D-Minn) agreed today to run as a "favorite son" in the Minnesota presidential primary. He disavowed any White House ambitions, however, and declared Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver would make a "wonderful" candidate for the Democrats if President Truman decided against seeking another term.

Truman still wasn't talking regarding his plans, but Representative Sieminski (D-NJ) came out of the President's office and quoted him as saying:

"I never quit a fight or ran away from anything."

Humphrey, a n administration supporter, said he was entering the March 18 Minnesota primary at Truman's request. The senator added he still doesn't know whether the President intends to run again, but he said the votes of Minnesota's Democratic-farmer-labor delegation will go to Truman at the July nominating convention if he is a candidate.

SENATOR HUMPHREY

Saw Kefauver First

Humphrey said newsmen he had consulted with Kefauver among others before deciding to enter the Minnesota contest. Kefauver, who won national prominence as chairman of the senate crime investigating committee, has said he will announce about Feb. 1 whether he will bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Asked why he had consulted with Kefauver, Humphrey said:

"I happen to hold Senator Kefauver's judgment in high esteem. He is a good personal friend of mine. . . . and I think he would make a wonderful candidate."

Kefauver Affirmed

Kefauver's office got out a statement saying he and Humphrey had talked over the Minnesota situation and were in agreement regarding Humphrey's action.

Humphrey said in reply to a question that he had made no "deal" to throw the Minnesota delegation's support to Kefauver or anyone else in the event Truman is not a candidate.

"It can be assumed," Humphrey said, "that the Minnesota delegation will make its own decision. . . . I'll be no part of any deal."

Humphrey did say that if Truman is a candidate, "our delegation will cast its vote for President Truman."

Friends of Humphrey said that on the basis of his praise of Kefauver it would be logical to assume that at this point Kefauver is the Minnesota lawmaker's choice for the Democratic nomination if Truman doesn't run.

Political Background

Humphrey's announcement that he agreed to enter the Minnesota primary came against this background:

Last week Frank E. McKinney, Democratic national chairman, suggested to party leaders in the state that Truman's name not be entered. He suggested that Humphrey be entered instead.

There has been some speculation the move meant the President had decided not to run again, although Truman has said it doesn't preclude him from anything. In other quarters the action has been regarded as meaning simply that Truman isn't ready to tip his hand.

Rep. Sieminski said Truman made no remark about not quitting.

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McGrath Will Employ Outside Attorneys to Clean Federal Ranks

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Attorney General McGrath said tonight he will use "outside attorneys" as special assistants in a drive to sweep wrongdoers out of the federal government.

In his first public comment on the task to which President Truman has assigned him, McGrath said the outside attorneys will be selected on a basis of merit and qualification "without any partisan consideration."

Asserting that each such appointee will "be given broad and undiluted authority," McGrath said they will be used to "supervise and co-ordinate the program."

"Under advisement," he said, "are the names of several prominent lawyers for appointment as special assistant to the attorney general."

McGrath was designated by Truman a week ago as the man to direct the cleaning out of any official misconduct. The President's action followed a series of disclosures of internal revenue officials in connection with alleged tax frauds and the firing of Assistant Attorney General T. Lamar Caudle for "outside activities" which the White House said were incompatible with his office.

Visit by Ridgway May Signal Change in Truce Talk Tempo

TOKYO, Saturday, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway returned to Tokyo today after two days of highly secret conversations with Vice-Adm. C. Turner Joy at Allied truce headquarters in Korea.

Neither Joy, chief Allied negotiator, nor Ridgway made any announcement of what they had discussed. But it was recalled by observers that when Ridgway last taken place, the chief of staff make the decision in Washington, pass it on to Ridgway and he informs Joy.

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EISENHOWER CHALLENGED BY STASSEN

'Come Out From Behind Khaki Curtain,' Says Rival GOP Candidate

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Harold E. Stassen today challenged Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to come out from behind his "Khaki Curtain" to seek the Republican presidential nomination.

At the same time, the former governor of Minnesota, himself an avowed candidate, said he does not believe the nomination "is already slipped up in a plush-lined bag" for Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

Stassen predicted, in a speech before a dinner meeting of the Republican national committee, that the voters in primaries beginning in March will establish the most popular candidate. He added he thinks he may be that man.

Fight in Open

Stassen's remarks were made in an atmosphere of open warfare between backers of Taft and supporters of Eisenhower.

Eisenhower has said he is a Republican and available for the party's nomination but won't join in the campaigning prior to the July nominating convention in Chicago.

Taft has claimed he already has strength which, if translated into votes in Chicago, will give him the nomination on an early ballot.

Senator Lodge (R-Mass), Eisenhower-for-President manager, offering Eisenhower as the only candidate he said can bring "durable peace" for the world, struck back at obvious barbs aimed at the general by David S. Ingalls, Taft campaign manager.

Ingalls had asserted that the Republicans would lose their identity as an opposition party if they nominated a man who was only "a mild variant of the leadership now in power." He obviously was referring to Eisenhower, although he did not name him.

'Mortician for Funeral'

In that case, he said, Republicans would be "selecting a good looking mortician" to preside over their own funeral as a party.

Lodge replied that Ingalls has inveighed against polls, but has cited one that favored Taft, adding: "I suppose that the only good poll is the one favorable to one's side."

Lodge discounted Ingalls' claim that Taft proved his vote-getting ability by winning reelection to the senate in Ohio in 1950, asserting:

"American history is full of men who were big vote getters for state office, but could not make the grade nationally."

"For my part," Lodge said, "I

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ALLIES POSITIVE ON AIRBASE BAN

Neither Side of Truce Delegations Showing Signs of Budging

MUNSAN, Korea, Saturday, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Allied truce delegates told the Communists flatly today they will never agree to a Korean armistice unless restrictions were clamped on the building of airfields.

Maj. Gen. Claude Ferenbaugh said newsmen after the session of the truce supervision subcommittee:

"The Communists still maintain their stand that restriction of the introduction of new combat aircraft in Korea is sufficient."

Thus neither side showed any inclination to budge from positions on the vital issue that has deadlocked the talks for weeks.

The truce supervision subcommittee met for one hour and 40 minutes before adjourning until 11 a.m. Sunday (9 p.m. EST, Saturday).

Ferenbaugh said he told the Reds that airfields built near the truce could double the effectiveness of existing combat aircraft on both sides.

"It's as simple as that," the general said. "The Communists do not accept it yet."

In a neighboring tent, another subcommittee continued the questions of the exchange of prisoners issue. This group held morning and afternoon sessions.

In Friday's sessions the talks ended on almost progress.

Rear Adm. R. E. Libby, head of the Allied sub-committee on prisoners, said the Chinese evidently fear that the 20,000 Chinese prisoners in Allied hands would choose to remain in South Korea or join Chinese Nationalist forces on Formosa.

Damage Verdict Is Largest in Pima History

Damages of $63,000—largest damage verdict ever returned by a Pima county superior court jury and possibly the largest ever returned in any of the Arizona's superior courts—were awarded here yesterday to a 18-year-old boy for the loss of his arm in an accident more than six years ago.

Donald Bolen won the huge judgment against the Eloy Ranch company and the Southern Pacific company. The jury decided both concerns were negligent on May 1, 1945, when the youth was crushed between two Espee box cars while crossing the tracks along a footpath of the ranch company.

Judge Lee Garrett, who presided at the four-day trial, said he had never heard of a larger damage verdict ever being returned in a state superior court.

Bob Barber and Franklin Vaughan represented the youth, with R. G. Thompson and Paul J. Cella appearing for the defendants.

Jurors were Edward Byrd, Charles Gibson, Edith Dunham, Bessie Hostetter, Paul Flocks, Katherine Valley, Cora Perrine, Daniel Ashcraft, Elizabeth Patten, Raymond Bates, Dorothy Stambaugh, and Virginia Dietz.

CONCESSIONS SURPRISE TO OFFICIALDOM

America to Swap Steel For Badly-Needed Tin And Aluminum Stock

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill today yielded to the appointment of an American as supreme Allied naval commander in Atlantic waters but won a promise of a million tons of scarce U. S. steel for Britain.

The steel will be exchanged for British tin and aluminum, badly needed in America's rearmament program.

Churchill's acceptance of an American to head the North Atlantic treaty naval forces came as something of a surprise comment during his farewell conference with President Truman at the White House.

Navy quarters said the most logical choice as the new "sea-going Eisenhower" would be Adm. Lynde D. McCormick, now commander of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

A navy spokesman said an official announcement could not be made until certain formalities have been completed.

Admiral McCormick served in both the Atlantic and Pacific during World War II.

Under today's agreement, announced in a joint communique by President Truman and Churchill, the British will inform the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) of their willingness to allow the appointment of a supreme commander.

The United States will then go ahead with the appointment of an American admiral.

Agreement on the NATO command was reached last year, but was held in abeyance because of Churchill's opposition. At that time, the United States had recommended Adm. William M. Fechteler, then Atlantic fleet commander, for the post.

However, with the death of Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, Admiral Fechteler stepped in to succeed him as chief of naval operations.

British leaders had balked at the selection of an American, contending that Britain's traditional "rule Britannia" naval prestige pointed to the appointment of a Briton.

It was also argued, in London, that through long experience British sea commanders were better qualified to protect the supply lines to Britain and Europe against submarine warfare.

During the last war, there was no supreme naval command over American and British forces. On transatlantic convoy trips, American warships escorted the convoys part way across the Atlantic and then transferred the protective task to British naval forces.

It was understood the British wanted to revive the wartime procedure, with no supreme sea chief.

Today's communique indicated that Britain's naval control will be extended somewhat from her immediate coastal waters to deeper water.

The announcement said it was planned "to extend the United Kingdom's home command to the 100-fathom line," that is to where the water is 600 feet deep.

The 100-fathom curve extends from 30 miles off the southwest

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Long Distance Calls Clog Telephone Lines

Long distance was further away than that last night.

Hundreds of long distance calls — most of them to storm-battered communities — piled up in the telephone company's switchboards so thoroughly that dozens went unanswered all night.

Gayle A. Smith, manager of the local telephone company, estimated the number of calls was 25 percent above normal.

"We put on a few additional operators," Smith said. "But the thing happened so suddenly I'm afraid a lot of people were never able to get an answer at all."

'LOGICAL CHOICE'

Adm. Lynde D. McCormick who is considered in line for the post of Supreme Allied Naval Commander in Atlantic Waters. He now commands the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

U. S. Defense Project Spending Under Heavy Tax by French Nation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A congressional committee reported today that the French government gets about one dollar in taxes out of every five dollars appropriated for United States military construction in France.

The committee is a special house group headed by Representative Hardy (D-Va) which returned recently from a 10,000-mile inspection of United States military construction projects in foreign countries.

French taxes, the committee said, apply to U. S. military construction in that country. Estimates of the total amount that may be paid run as high as 100 million dollars.

The committee said the taxes are levied under (NATO) agreement permitting the eleven other NATO countries to tax United States mutual defense projects.

The NATO agreement has not yet been ratified by the senate.

Under the French system, the committee said, some of the taxes "pyramid fantastically."

England to Break With Red Chinese If Need Apparent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—An authoritative British source indicated today Britain is ready, if need be, to break diplomatic relations with Red China should the Chinese Communists violate any truce which may be negotiated in Korea.

The Churchill government, this informant said, will not permit British-American differences over recognition to stand in the way of a strong common policy to meet new aggression in the Far East.

Prime Minister Churchill was described by this responsible informant, who declined the use of his name, as favoring a break in diplomatic ties with Red China after the Chinese Communists intervened in Korea against United Nations forces.

The UN forces included British troops. At that time Clement Attlee's Labor government was in power in London.

The British government for the moment, however, sees no special reason for withdrawing its recognition of Red China while the present truce negotiations are going on, the informant said.

What the British attitude would be in event the present talks collapse and Chinese Communists resume full scale attacks was not made clear.

American and British military chiefs have taken into consideration, the informant said, what to do in the event Communist China steps up its military aid or unleashes new aggression against any southeast Asian country.

Navy Acts to Guard Cherished Illusions Of American Sailor

HONOLULU, Jan. 18.—(AP)—There'll be no more "shorts, bathing suits or other abbreviated attire" worn in Hawaii navy commissaries.

Rear Adm. Charles McMorris, Hawaii naval district commandant, made the ruling today. He said he liked a well-turned ankle as well as the next man, but some navy wives were carrying things too far.

A navy newspaper agreed. It said the skimpy shopping attire was "destroying the cherished illusion of us young, red-blooded American sailors that all American women are young and beautiful with gorgeous figures."

Hundreds Forced to Flee Homes After Inundations

Sanitation Hazard Increases With Collapse of Cesspools in San Fernando Valley, Release Of Sewage Into Muddy Surface Waters

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Hundreds of persons fled their homes and entire communities faced a serious sanitation hazard from flood waters today as sodden southern California reeled from a second sledgehammer blow by the rain gods.

The coast guard and army combined with civilian agencies to evacuate scores of families from the Artesia district near Long Beach, the Reseda area in San Fernando valley, and Goleta, farther up the coast near Santa Barbara. The latest onslaught took at least 13 lives.

Health officers warned that the widespread flood waters in the San Fernando valley had collapsed more that 1,000 cesspools and probably would cave in more. It is estimated there are more than 100,000 such sewage disposal units in the area.

Parents Warned

With sewage being released in muddy surface waters, Los Angeles Health Officer George Uhl advised parents to keep children from playing in water.

No water main breaks were reported, however, and water was still rated safe for drinking. As a precaution, the municipal water department was using four times the usual amount of chlorine for purifying.

U. S. Highways 60-70, 80 and the coast route were all open, despite some water on roads and a few minor slides.

At least temporary cessation of rain gave the coast guard more of a chance to remove 500 Artesia and Hawaiian Gardens families to Red Cross shelters, and other hundreds were reported waiting to be evacuated.

Thirty men from the coast guard's Long Beach and San Pedro stations were involved in the operations—10 miles inland. Five skiffs three life rafts and four trucks were kept busy. The rescues were directed by officers in a helicopter.

Red Cross Active

The Red Cross, with the aid of the military, set up cots and meal tables for 700 persons in schools, churches and fire stations. But unless the raging waters of usually quite Coyote creek subside, it was feared this might accommodate only a fraction of the homeless. More than 6,000 persons were alerted for possible evacuation.

About 700 persons were reported to have left their homes at Reseda, and about 100 were evacuated at Goleta.

With water running deep in the streets of most communities, more than half of the area's schools, including all in Los Angeles—were closed for the day.

Water laboratory workmen dug in for the second time this week to clear mud-packed roads and railroad tracks, U.S. weather forecaster A. K. Showalter—shaking off his sniffles at the second storm—said a faint silver lining.

He predicted only a half inch more of showers today and said that a feared third storm, coming down from Alaska, would be tamed to a near-drizzle by the time it hits here.

Snow in the mountains rose an other foot and U.S. Highway 99 (the Ridge Route) remained closed until noon. Coast Highway 101 was closed by slides from Santa Barbara to Oxnard.

Both Southern Pacific and Santa Fe trains resumed near-normal schedules at 10 a.m., but with some rerouting.

The most serious accident of the storm storm took the lives of four Tacoma, Wash., persons. When their car skidded off San Fernando road into a flooded culvert, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mule and Mr. and Mrs. Theodiens McCarthy were drowned. The women were trapped in the car, Mule's body was found downstream hours later, and officers continued the search for McCarthy.

Among passengers stranded in the Southern Pacific's Lark at Santa Barbara were seven persons who were snowbound for two days in the City of San Francisco streamliner at Donner pass.

Ensign in North

Northern California's storms had virtually subsided. The Southern California blow extended only as far as Fresno. It apparently hit hardest in Pasadena, where 6.28 inches fell. Most cities' rainfall totals for the season were four and five times normal.

The San Diego river, for the first time in years, poured water into the sea and forced 100 residents to evacuate. A three-story home at Laguna Beach was carried almost into the ocean by a crumbling cliff.

Internal Revenue Collector Robert Riddell, trying to brighten the muddy picture—particularly for hard-fit canyon or hillside dwellers, reminded taxpayers that uninsured storm losses can be deducted from 1952 income taxes.

Rescue Is Refused By Modest Oldster Bereft of Raiment

ARTESIA, Calif., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Grandpa just wouldn't be rescued because he was in his "longies" and couldn't get to his clothes.

Coast guardsmen, operating with a high truck and a skiff, removed six persons from the flooded woodland area of Artesia today, but Grampa stayed behind in his room in spite of hell and high water and the urging of his relatives, all of whom were taken to safety.

The room he was in was the only one that wasn't flooded and he couldn't get to his street clothing.

Coast guardsmen didn't get his name and they don't know how he made out.

Weatherman Sees More Rain, Possible Floods for Arizona

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Warning of more rain and possible floods today was given last night by the U. S. Weather Bureau as reports of damage from the current storm came from the White Mountain area.

The Arizona highway patrol said the state are dangerous, due to ice and snow, although most of yesterday's precipitation below the 6,500 foot level was rain. Colder weather is expected for today with the snow level dropping to about 6,000 feet, the weather bureau said.

Rain fell on Tucson for the fifth time in six days yesterday, with more scattered showers expected today.

Since last Sunday — when .14 of an inch rainfall was recorded —rain has fallen in Tucson each day except Tuesday. Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday were completely without sunshine.

Yesterday's precipitation was measured at .07 of an inch.

Along with showers today, the weather bureau expects winds and considerable cloudiness, but no change in temperatures — which ranged between 67 high and 32 yesterday at the bureau.

60 and 34 at the university station.

The Show Low-Springerville road (U. S. 60) was closed yesterday afternoon when flood waters brought on by the breaking of two small dams washed out sections of that highway.

U. S. Highway 60 between Show Low and Globe was open, the highway patrol said, but caution was urged because of slides in the mountain areas.

A small dam above the Lakeside lake dam broke yesterday, pouring an estimated 3,000 acre-feet of water into the lake. The overflow from the Lakeside dam broke a level dropping to about 6,000 feet, flooding Show Low creek with an additional 1,000 acre-feet of water.

Main highways throughout the state were open, but caution was urged on all due to water in dips.

The flood warning—first issued by the weather bureau in four years—indicated that all areas where lowland residents should take necessary precautions as that south of a line from Kingman-Flagstaff and Holbrook and the Gila river basin east of San Carlos reservoir into New Mexico.

Cochise county was exempted from flood threats.

Runoff from the storm is expected to bring Arizona's water storage reservoirs to the near-full stage for the first time in 10 years.

Heaviest rainfall yesterday reported by points reporting regularly to the Phoenix U. S. Weather Bureau office was that recorded at Flagstaff where the total fall was 2.40 inches. Incomplete tabulation from Payson showed a fall of 1.46 inches up to 5:30 p.m.

Other precipitation reports included: Gila Bend, .28; Grand Canyon where there is nine inches of snow on the ground, .41; Phoenix airport, .44; Prescott, .57; Winslow, .56; Yuma, .28.

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