

Hawks Lose, 68-54

The Ohio State Buckeyes handed Iowa its third conference defeat of the basketball season Monday night, 68-54. Iowa's swimmers beat Purdue 44-40. For stories see page 6.

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Weather

Much colder today with occasional rain and snow flurries. Wednesday clearing and colder. High today, 45; low, zero. Monday's high 38; low, 32.

Truman Asks Excise Tax Cut, Increase in Corporation Levies

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman Monday asked congress for a host of tax changes—\$1-billion a year more from corporations and legacies, a deep slash in seven excise or nuisance taxes, and plugged-up "loopholes" in a series of tax laws.

Congress is eager to cut excise taxes, which are levied on such things as furs, passenger travel, cosmetics and long distance telephone bills. There is strong talk of rushing through such a bill. But Mr. Truman slipped this warning into his tax message: he'll veto any such bill which isn't at the same time offset by the same amount of new revenue.

Outlines Attack

Here is the way he wants to attack this problem: Reduce excises "only to the extent that the resulting loss in revenue is replaced by revenue obtained from closing loopholes in the present tax laws."

By loopholes, he said he meant the legal ways through which "some groups escape their fair share of taxation." He mentioned laws which he said give big advantages to oil well and mine owners, charitable and educational organizations engaged in business, and life insurance companies. The message failed to please a large segment of congress which is talking of cutting expenses and taxes too, rather than raise any revenues.

Mr. Truman picked out seven of the long list of excise taxes for cuts "most urgently needed," but did not specify amounts. He mentioned passenger tickets, now taxed at 15 percent; freight, now 3 percent; long distance telephone and telegraph charges, now 25 percent; and all retail or sales excises.

Mr. Truman did not mention liquor and tobacco taxes for cuts. Together they produce \$3.5-billion in taxes a year.

City Council Tables Plan to Purchase Three New Trucks

The city council voted 6 - 1 Monday night to table its decisions of Jan. 13 to buy three new trucks at a total cost of \$5,971. This action followed Mayor Preston Koser's veto of the Jan. 13 decision.

Koser recommended that the council buy two Chevrolet and one International at a total cost of \$5,888.73 since the folks in this community seem to favor the purchase of this equipment at the lowest possible dollar.

He added that he vetoed the Jan. 13 decision "regrettably" because he believed that "the equipment that costs least is not always the wisest purchase in the long run."

At Monday night's meeting the council also voted to refer to the parking, public safety and police committee a petition requesting that bus service be extended to East Iowa City between J and Court streets.

City Attorney William H. Bartley recommended that a public hearing on the transportation question be held before the franchise of the Iowa City Coach company is renewed.

Change Installation Site
The council decided to have a traffic signal originally meant for the intersection at Capitol and Burlington streets installed at Capitol and Madison streets.

Councilmen approved the appointment of William Vorbrich Jr., as temporary fireman and referred to the finance committee a motion that the city's financial statement be published in pamphlet form.

Insists Denfeld Legally Ousted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Francis P. Matthews set off an angry floor fight in the senate Monday by insisting that Adm. Louis E. Denfeld was legally ousted as chief of naval operations, despite a presidential commission reappointing him for two years.

In a statement read to the senate by Chairman Millard E. Tydings, (D-Md) of the armed services committee, Matthews said Denfeld's commission doesn't count because it was "irregularly" delivered to him by President Truman's naval aide, Rear Adm. Robert L. Dennison.

Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis) promptly charged that Matthews "either is deliberately lying or is so incompetent he doesn't know what he is doing." He demanded a senate investigation.

Tydings supported Matthews to the hilt and accused McCarthy of stirring up a tempest in a teapot. (Denfeld said at his Westboro, Mass., home that he "didn't think" there was anything irregular about the way his commission was delivered. He declined to discuss the matter further.)

ORDER 700 JETS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The air force has ordered almost 700 jet fighter planes in the current fiscal year, it was revealed Monday.



Nothing to It—If You Know How

DETECTIVE ARTHUR AHERN picked a lock at police headquarters in Boston, Mass., Monday to show how easily he was able to open a half-dozen locked doors at Brink's armored vaults, scene of last week's \$1.5-million holdup. Aherne opened the doors at Brink's in a demonstration to support police charges that the stronghold was a "cheesebox" for thieves.

Boston Police Seize 2 Robbery Suspects As Probe Continues

BOSTON (AP)—Two more suspects were seized by police late Monday in connection with the \$1.5-million Brink's Inc. robbery, but an official said they looked "as phony as all the rest."

Also brought in for questioning were four employees of a garage that is part of the Brink's north end building but is not associated with the money transportation firm. Police apparently wanted to question these men to learn if the bandits could have escaped by driving out of the garage.

The two suspects were taken into custody in their homes in Stoughton and brought to state police headquarters in Boston for interrogation. They were picked up on a tip.

Another "hot tip" faded when several carloads of police went to Suffolk Downs race track in east Boston and conducted a fruitless search of the stable area.

Police also broadcast a nine-state alarm asking that a new Hudson sedan with Pennsylvania registration 903-506 be stopped, but police believed this lead may peter out.

Detectives investigating the fabulous robbery concentrated on the long-held theory that it was an "inside job."

Union Plans Jam Of Dial Systems

WASHINGTON (AP)—A CIO union threatening a nationwide telephone strike disclosed Monday a novel plan to jam dial systems and make the strike effective.

The idea is to have the public and fellow union members flood Bell Telephone company switchboards with calls, should the strike start, in the hope that automatic equipment will break down.

New Weapons Discussed At Washington Meeting

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman, members of his cabinet and the nation's top military leaders discussed weapons development for more than an hour Monday, but it was denied the hydrogen superbomb was mentioned.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the secret meeting was the third in a series of "arms evaluation conferences" at which defense officials "keep the President posted on what is being done" in the weapons field.

Soft Coal Walkout Continues Despite Pleas of UMW Chief

PITTSBURGH (AP)—More than 63,000 bitter United Mine Workers continued to strike Monday—either because they wouldn't work or because pickets wouldn't let them work.

For the fourth week in a row, a large segment of the nation's 400,000 soft coal diggers upheld the mine tradition of "no contract, no work."

They ignored the pleas of John L. Lewis and his field lieutenants to return to their jobs. Of the 90,000 miners idle last week, only 26,500 worked Monday.

Meanwhile the coal tieup struck a telling blow at related industries. Youngstown Sheet and Tube company began a cut back in iron production by banking its grace furnace at the Brier Hill works in Youngstown.

Cruible Steel company announced 500 men will be laid off today in a second curtailment at its Midland, Pa., works.

Iowa Situation . . .

DES MOINES (AP)—Rodney Q. Selby, Iowa fuel coordinator, said Monday the Iowa coal situation was "bad" and a severe cold wave would result in "extreme hardship" for many communities.

However, he said he hoped to get some coal supplies to "meet the situation."

Drives to Hospital Following Shooting

WASHINGTON, IOWA (AP)—Howard Kyle, 18, a magazine salesman of Ames, was in serious condition in a Washington hospital Monday night after he was shot in the stomach.

The shooting occurred on a road near Riverside where Kyle's car became stuck in the mud. Riverside is about 18 miles north of here.

Sheriff Charles Snyder said Monday night that Kyle told him that a man carrying a .22 caliber rifle came out of a field to help him get his car out of the mud. As they stood talking the gun went off, the sheriff said Kyle told him.

The sheriff quoted Kyle as saying that he was so scared when he realized that he had been hit that he jumped into his car and drove to Washington and was taken to a hospital.

House Speaker Blocks Action On FEPC Plan

Alaska, Hawaii Statehood Bills Given Priority

WASHINGTON (AP)—Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas, aided by southern-led filibuster tactics, blocked consideration of anti-job discrimination legislation in a stormy house session Monday.

Rayburn, the administration's own leader in the house, twice barred the calling up of the controversial FEPC bill by giving priority to measures aimed at statehood for Alaska and Hawaii.

Calls for Adjournment
Then, over hot protests by civil rights advocates, Majority Leader John McCormack (D-Mass) called for adjournment even before the house could get down to debate on the Alaska-Hawaii bills.

The adjournment motion carried by a vote of 167-109. Members were not recorded by name, although Rep. Vito Marcantonio (AL-NY) tried to put them on record by a roll-call vote.

The effect of the day's hectic jockeying was to delay—perhaps indefinitely—the calling up of FEPC.

The FEPC bill, keystone of President Truman's civil rights program, would set up a Fair Employment Practices commission to investigate and prosecute cases of job discrimination against Negroes and other minorities.

Ordinarily the next time FEPC could be called up would be Feb. 13. But since Lincoln's birthday falls on Sunday, Feb. 12, the house is expected to do little more than listen to Lincoln's Day addresses on Monday the 13th.

That would mean the next possible chance for FEPC to be called up would be Feb. 27.

May Have to Wait
House leaders indicated to newsmen that even then, FEPC may have to wait until other issues have been settled.

Rayburn conferred with President Truman Monday forenoon, but said they did not discuss FEPC.

Tucker Threatened With Civil Actions

CHICAGO (AP)—Preston Tucker, freed of criminal charges in his effort to build a new automobile, Monday was threatened with civil suits.

Norman Nachman, attorney for court-appointed trustees of the Tucker corporation, said he would launch civil court proceedings against Tucker in an effort to obtain funds to meet the claims of stockholders, dealers, distributors and creditors.

Nachman estimated that claims against the defunct automobile enterprise would total more than \$30-million.

How About Scratching Fleas?

FOX POINT, WIS. (UP)—The village board Monday sentenced the town's dogs to a dog's life.

A new ordinance decreed that dogs must not be permitted to travel in groups of more than two, chase vehicles, annoy anyone with barking, act vicious, dig in any lawn or injure any flower bed or tree.

Russ Suddenly Half-Lift Junior Berlin Blockade

BERLIN (AP)—The Russians suddenly and without explanation half-lifted their junior blockade on western truck traffic to and from Berlin late Monday.

For 24 hours Soviet guards checked each cargo, truck paper and driver so meticulously that only one truck in 15 minutes was allowed to pass Helmstedt where the Autobahn enters the British zone.

Then at mid-afternoon they started to move through the piled-up line of 100 trucks on each side of the border at a rate of 13 to 15 an hour. Normally, they can handle about 30 an hour.

American, British and French commanders of Berlin met in an emergency session and discussed the latest Soviet harriving tactics, including the delaying of three U.S. military passenger trains for upwards of six hours at the checkpoint Monday morning.

The trains were held up while Russian and American officials argued and communicated with their superiors over the credentials of two Brazilian diplomats and a German employe of the U.S. high commission on the train. Finally, the Russians let the trains with their passengers proceed to Frankfurt.

But he said the German people as a whole reject the idea of dictatorship by either Nazis or Communists.

Despite new powers granted to the west German government, he said, "We have ample powers to deal with any dangerous nationalist revival."

McClroy had told a news conference earlier that he has no way of knowing what led the Russians to impose new blockade restrictions on Berlin.

But he said that on the basis of telephone conversations with Berlin during the day, the situation is "improving somewhat."

Chrysler Firm Rejects Package Plan of UAW

DETROIT (AP)—The CIO united auto workers cut their demands on Chrysler corporation to a "rock bottom" 10 cents an hour Monday, but the auto firm still said no in the face of a strike deadline Wednesday.

The UAW, looking to avoid a mid-winter strike, said if Chrysler would accept the 10-cent package plan for pensions and other benefits, "technical details" could be arbitrated to forestall a walkout.

Official Dies . . .

BERLIN (TUESDAY) (AP)—Retired Col. William T. Babcock, 52, deputy U.S. commander in Berlin, died here early today of a heart attack brought on by fighting the cold war.

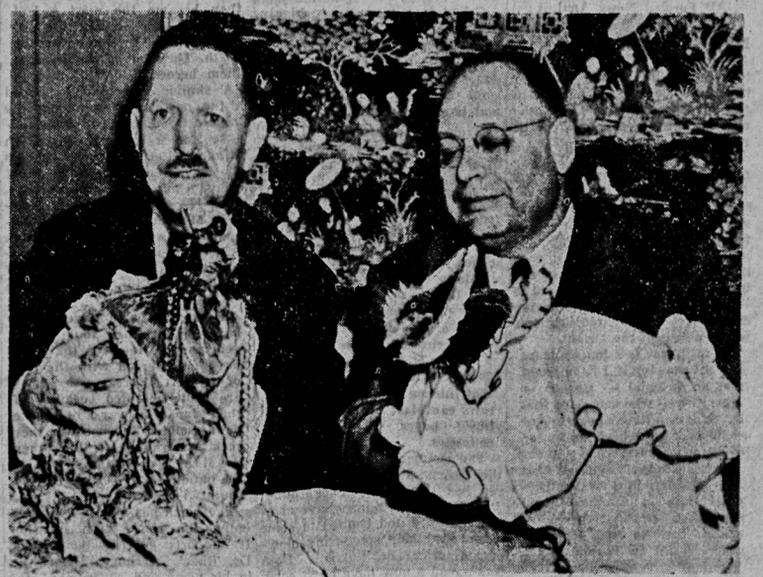
Babcock, who became Berlin deputy commander May 1, 1946, held the post throughout the long and bitter Berlin blockade and conflict between western and Soviet authorities.

Indonesian Rebels Stage Withdrawal

JAKARTA (BATAVIA), U.S.I. (TUESDAY) (AP)—A private guerrilla army attacking the new United States of Indonesia left Bandung suddenly Monday afternoon after having taken over most of the town a few hours earlier.

The guerrilla army is led by an outlaw former Dutch officer, Capt. R.P.F. (Turk) Westerling.

A Couple of Chicks — Southern Style



THERE WERE A COUPLE of good looking chickens strutting their stuff at Atlanta, Ga., Sunday night at the opening meeting of the Southeastern Poultry and Egg association. Their costumes were made from poultry feed bags. Applause gave the prize of best dressed to the chicken at the left owned by Robert Walker of Nashville and held by Jessie D. Jewell, president of the association. At the right, Walter Berger of Chicago, president of the American Feed Manufacturers association, holds the runnerup, a chick from South Carolina. The chickens will compete in a national show at Kansas City.

GOP State Chairman Praises Hickenlooper

DES MOINES (AP)—Republican State Chairman Whitney Gilliland Monday praised Sen. Bourke Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) as a "fighter" and probably the "ablest senator" of either party between "Michigan and the Rockies."

Gilliland expressed his praise in a periodical letter to county and precinct workers this week-end.

"There may be Republicans in Iowa who would be better qualified for the office of United States senator," Gilliland said. "It is the case, they should run against him in the primary."

"Don't sell Hickenlooper short," Gilliland told the workers. "He is a fighter . . . Iowa should be proud of him."

Gilliland's praise followed an attack by Publisher Don Berry of Indianapolis, who suggested the Republican senator break with GOP National Committeeman Harrison Spangler, Cedar Rapids, or face possible defeat.

Hickenlooper replied to Berry's criticism and said he would not take part in party quarrels.

Davenport Hospital Fire Inquest to Open Thursday

DAVENPORT (AP)—Scott County Coroner C. H. Wildman reported Monday an inquest in the deaths of 41 persons in the Mercy hospital fire Jan. 7 would open Thursday.

Mrs. Elnora Epperly, 22, Rock Island, Ill., a patient in the mental ward that burned, has admitted setting the fire. She was adjudged insane by the Scott County Sanitary commission and taken to Mount Pleasant State hospital to await possible transfer to an Illinois institution.

Co-op Interest Poll Proposed

A meeting in Schaeffer hall Monday night, called to organize another student co-op store, attracted only seven people. The original married students' co-op corporation was dissolved recently, when it was discovered that the corporation was more than \$3,000 in debt. The store closed officially Thursday.

The small group Monday night, however, voted to poll married students to determine interest in a new venture. Henry Allen Jr., G. Iowa City, suggested that "The Villager," a small married students' newspaper, be used for inquiries about interest in a new co-op venture.

David Day, associate in the SUI bureau of business and economic research prepared a questionnaire to be used in canvassing housing areas, concerning experiences of the students in trading with the co-op and Iowa City graduates.