

THIRD TERM ¹⁷⁻⁷⁸ Fri. Feb. 23 - 31.

(The rush goes on to ratify the anti-third term amendment - North Carolina voting its okay today. That makes - number thirty-four.) Thirty-six are needed to put the amendment into the Constitution - (two more to go.)

The progress of the anti-third term proposal has been curious. Put through a Republican Congress in Nineteen Forty-Seven, twenty-four states were quick to ratify. After which there was a lag, the amendment ~~seem~~ seeming to be on its way to nowhere - until this year. ~~Then~~ Then, the States began ratifying again - ten of them acting, six of them in the past four weeks, including North Carolina today. Nearly all - southern states, heavily ~~Democrat~~ Democratic. With the two more needed, these may come from a selection of fourteen, varying from the south to New England and the far west.

If the two added okays are obtained, it would be unconstitutional for any President to serve more than two terms - except in the case of Harry Truman,

who is specifically exempted from the provisions of
the amendment.

LABOR

In Washington today, spokesmen for most of organized labor met with Defense mobilizer Charles E. Wilson - to lay before him the complaints the unions are making against the management of the rearmament program.

They are protesting against the decision to put a ten percent ceiling on wages, including what are called "fringe benefits". Meaning, such matters as pension plans. When that was adopted last week, three labor members of the Wage Stabilization Board walked out - on being out-voted. The unions want a formula that would permit wage ~~xxxx~~ raises of twelve percent, plus those fringe benefits.

Discussions have been going on between union representatives and economic Stabilizer Eric ~~xxxxxxx~~ Johnston, but have not got ^{Ten} anywhere. So today, the united labor policy committee of the unions sent a ten man delegation to talk things over with the Defense Mobilizer himself.

Eric Johnston was there too, as was Charles

S. Murphy, Personal Counsel to President Truman - in an effort to get the unions into the management of the giant armament program.

R F C

President Truman states he has no evidence that illegal influence was used in procuring loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The R.F.C. is under heavy fire in Congress- but the President through his press secretary, states he finds no ~~ground~~ ground for any charge of misdoing on the part of his own official family at the White House;- of undue influence brought to bear ^{on or by} by Congressmen.

He has before him a whole stack of letters written to the R F C - letters written by Congressmen, among others. But he says there is no point in releasing this ~~mass~~ mass of correspondence to the public.

(The wings of enemy defenses are sagging back in Korea, on east and west.) Today an American division pushed along the eastern slopes of rain soaked mountains, and captured the key point of Pyong^echang. That transport center was named as the first big goal of "operation killer", as the offensive is called. Whereupon, the G I's ^{pushed} ~~pushed~~ on from Pyongchang and advanced five miles further. There ~~xxx~~ they ran into stubborn defense, the Reds holding a narrow defile through the mountains. This was the first real resistance encountered by the column ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ thrusting forward at the eastern end of the central mountain front.

On the western wing, the Reds were driven back by a spearhead of the Ninth Corps, which today smashed for six miles from Chipyong, and captured an enemy strongpoint ~~just~~ thirty miles below the Thirty-Eighth Parallel.

As the wings of the Red front were driven back, threatening a huge trap, Americans ~~xx~~ broke

the final line of Chinese resistance before the important city of Hoengsong. At last reports they were just outside that large military base.

At the same time, the front at Seoul showed signs of coming to life - with the Reds opening heavy artillery fire across the Han River. American guns have been firing across the Han all along - so now its a duel of cannon.

NAVAL HEAD

Canada adds her voice in the dispute about the appointment of an American Admiral to command the Atlantic pact Navy. In Ottawa today, Foreign Minister Lester B. Pierson criticized the complaint made by Winston Churchill.

Lester Pierson said that Britain's wartime Premier should have waited until all the Atlantic Pact Commanders were nominated before raising any objections.

The other eleven pact nations regard the ^{dis} ~~quarrel~~ as a British-American ^{controversy,} ~~affair,~~ and, the Danish Minister of Defense says its just another Churchill-Attlee election squabble.

But in sea-minded Britain the dispute is taken much more seriously. Leading ~~newspapers~~ newspapers today rallied to Churchill, with banner headlines and editorials - all underlining Britain's traditional prestige on the sea.

The uproar is such that Prime Minister Attlee states he will reconsider the decision to appoint Admiral Fechteler to the post, he says he'll ask the Atlantic Pact Council to review the nomination of the American Admiral.

The latest - is Washington reaction. In the Senate there's a disposition to agree with Churchill's demand that a British Admiral be named Naval Commander for the north Atlantic Treaty Nations. This opinion is expressed by both Republicans and Democrats, who sympathize with Churchill's view of the long history of Great Britain as a naval power. *And many more agree with this view.*

GERMANS - add

In Western Germany today a team of American labor experts ~~started in today to~~ *started in today to* ~~get down to work~~ selecting specially skilled displaced persons for jobs in this country. *They are doing this in Germany.* Trades with high priority include tool-making, hardrock mining, engineering and farming. Special emphasis is laid on the land because it is feared in Washington that workers will be drawn to factory jobs from farms as soon as the defense boom gets ^{well} under way.

The D P's who come from Iron Curtain countries and who are at present in camps in Austria and Germany will sail for the United States as soon as possible. The first ship-load due in April.

GERMANY - SONG

(In Western Germany, they are debating the question of a new national hymn, ^{But} and the news today would seem^s to indicate that the people prefer the old one -- "Deutschland Uber Alles",) Anthem of Imperial ^{the old} Germany ^{ruled in} ~~back in the days when the Kaiser's armies were storming in World War One~~ - and, retained by the Nazis, ~~through the Second War.~~

Some Germans think they ought to have a new one, ^{including} ~~which notion is backed by~~ the West German President, ^{who had a new one} and ~~he had a song written, for the occasion.~~ Called - "hymn to Germany".

^{Result?} ~~Now a survey has been made, and the count shows nearly sixty percent in favor of "Deutschland Uber Alles."~~ ^{and} Only about nine percent want the ^{one. 50%} ~~new national anthem proposed by the West German President.~~ So it looks as if they might go on with "Deutschland Uber Allies", ^{it no doubt will continue} ~~sung by the Germans in two to be, which may~~ ~~xxxx lost World Wars.~~

Well it might merely indicate a good musical taste. ^{For} ~~As I understand it,~~ the music of "Deutschland

"Uber Alles" was written by Haydn, one of the greatest of composers, ^{He was} ~~though he~~ an Austrian, ^{and} composed it originally as a salutation to the Austrian emperor.

The Germans, adopting it later, used different words.

~~As I remember,~~ Haydn was assigned to write an Austrian hymn; - the only case ^{on record} of a great national anthem being written successfully to order.

JUGOSLAVIA

In Washington, United States and British economic experts are urgently considering more aid to Marshal Tito. This to make sure that Jugoslavia's Communist but anti-Stalinist leader remains strong, ~~enough to avoid the clutches of the Kremlin.~~

Estimates for additional aid to the Jugoslavs are put as high as four hundred million dollars. It's believed, however, this ~~figure~~ ^{can} ~~could~~ be whittled down, if Tito were to sidetrack^s his long range reconstruction program, ^{— and just} ~~Concentrate~~ ^{instead} on more immediate and pressing needs.

^{We hear} ~~It was also revealed~~ today that food shipments to Jugoslavia are "several weeks" ^{behind,} ~~delayed,~~ The reason - not enough American ships.

GEOLOGY

In Illinois, geologists have discovered a remarkable ~~xxxx~~ subterranean phenomenon, which they believe can be used as a vast underground storage "tank" for natural gas. Deep down below the surface of the ~~xx~~ earth, there's a formation of rock shaped like an enormous dome -- inside of which is ^a vast hollow filled with water. The stony cover of the dome is of a sort out of which gas could not escape; - and the water held within could be forced out by pressure; so, all they would have to do would be to pump gas into ^{that} subterranean dome, the pressure forcing the water out - the whole thing turning into an ~~xx~~ immense tank.

The importance lies in the fact that, in summertime the consumption of natural gas is light - while in winter, so much of it is ~~xx~~ used that the pipelines from the natural gas fields cannot bring enough to fill the demand. So, it would be convenient if they could store supplies during the summer. But no man-made tank or set of tanks would hold enough -

- while the giant subterranean dome could be made into a sort of natural super-tank.

FRATERNITY

Mobile, Alabama is having a police investigation of high school fraternities. This - after an initiation sent a boy to a hospital, badly injured.

Last night Mr. and Mrs. David Campbell, grew ~~xxx~~ worried about the absence of their fifteen year old son - who had gone to an affair held by ^{a high school frat called} Sigma Phi Omega. The parents started out to look for him and were driving in their car - when they spotted an automobile going sixty miles an hour ^{- with} ~~and~~ their son was clinging to the hood. He couldn't hang on any longer, and fell to the street.

When they got to him, they ^(found) ~~saw~~ his head covered with tar about an inch thick. Other parts of his body were smeared, and he was bruised from a bad beating. He was in such bad shape - he couldn't recognize his parents.

The explanation was not hard to get. Today the fraternity President of Sigma Phi Omega said it was part of the fraternity initiation - to paddle a neophyte, smear him liberally with a mixture of

creosote and flour, and then make him ride the hood of a speeding automobile. — —

↳ Taken out to an isolated country road, and left to walk home.

At the hospital, the doctor who examined young Campbell says: "I thought such practices were stopped in medieval days." ^{He added:—} "The boy was in a bad way when he was brought to us."

So the police of Mobile are investigating, and the Campbell parents announce they will take legal action against the fraternity - Sigma Phi Omega.

MOSLEMS

From Jugoslavia comes word of angry disturbances against a law commanding Moslem women to - unveil. The Communist regime of Marshal Tito decrees Mohammedan women must abandon the old practice of keeping their faces covered; - and there's bitter protest.

Jugoslavia, on the Balkan border of Turkey, has a considerable Moslem population, especially in ~~Macedonia~~ Macedonia - left over from the days when Turkish Sultans ruled all the Balkans. This ^{numerous} minority, called Shiptars, is intensely conservative, adhering to the tenets of Mohammedanism, including - veils for women. So there was ~~was~~ rioting and violence among the shiptars. The news has been suppressed in Jugoslavia, but now word comes through that at least three persons ~~were~~ were killed, and many injured.

All kinds of persuasion and propaganda are being used. Mohammedan women who unveil are given gala trips to Belgrade and sea-coast resorts. Cloth is being distributed - to put women in modern dresses,

abandoning the flowing robes and veils. The word is that the younger generation of the shiptars takes readily to the new modernism, but the older women ~~in~~ refuse. Some are said to have vowed, in protest, that they will never again appear out of doors. Others compromise by showing some part of the face in public, but keeping the rest hidden by a scarf wound around the head. Ancient customs die ~~hard~~ hard - among the shiptars.

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And now from veiled women we turn to none other than Nelson Case - in Person.