

Wiley Urges Action On Promotion For Mitchell

Washington—(P)—Senator Wiley (R-Wis.) demanded today that the house military committee turn loose his resolution to give the late Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell, prophet of air power, the posthumous rank of major general.

At the same time Representative Mason (R-Ill.) awaited reaction to his proposal that the rank of colonel in the army air force reserve be restored to Charles A. Lindbergh, whom the Illinoisan calls "the Billy Mitchell of this war."

Wiley said the senate had passed his resolution three times and "three times it has been shamelessly bottled up" by the house committee.

Suggests Reason

A suggested reason, he said in a statement in the congressional record, has been that the house group did not want to "cast any adverse reflections upon General MacArthur," who served on the court martial which found Mitchell guilty of insubordination for his public expressions of view on the administration of military aviation in the 1920's.

"This theory is all wet," Wiley declared, "because General MacArthur voted consistently against the court-martial verdict."

He said he recently wrote MacArthur to confirm this and received a reply saying in part:

"Your recollection on my part in his trial is entirely correct. . . . It would be ridiculous for anyone to say that any posthumous honors that might be granted him would be embarrassing to me. He was a rare genius in his profession and contributed much to aviation history."

Ordered Suspended

The court martial ordered Mitchell, then a colonel, suspended from rank and pay for five years. A presidential directive modified the pay penalty. In June, 1940, five after Mitchell died, he was promoted on the retired list to brigadier general. However, the adjutant general's office said yesterday it had no record of any action to expunge the court martial record.

Mason meanwhile said that unless something is "done voluntarily" to "clear Colonel Lindbergh" he would introduce legislation, probably in January, to accomplish the purpose.

Lindbergh resigned his commission in 1941 during a controversy with President Roosevelt over foreign policy.

Commenting on Mason's assertion that Lindbergh shot down "several" Jap planes while flying as a volunteer civilian instructor in the Pacific, General George C. Kenney, commander of the Far Eastern air force, told reporters yesterday there was no record of it.

He added however "I think the thing for you to do is to ask Lindbergh."

OUTPUT OF MORE SUGAR, GRAINS, TOBACCO URGED

BY OVID A. MARTIN

Washington—(P)—If farmers follow suggestions of Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, they will reduce production of livestock in 1946 but will produce more sugar, grains and tobacco.

Anderson's tentative 1946 farm production goals would keep total agricultural output near wartime peaks and fill civilian, military and export needs, he said.

The goals include 2 per cent less milk, 15 per cent fewer eggs, 17 per cent fewer chickens, 10 per cent fewer turkeys, 3 per cent fewer beef cattle, the same number of lambs and 1 per cent more spring pigs than were produced this year.

Suggests More Beets

The secretary suggested 31 per cent more sugar beets and 8 per cent more sugar cane to help meet a sugar shortage likely to continue into 1947.

Because grain reserves were greatly depleted during the war, he urged the production of 3 per cent more corn, 9 per cent more barley, 3 per cent more grain sorghums, the same acreage of wheat and 23 per cent more rye.

With imported supplies of vegetable oils likely to become more plentiful next year, Anderson asked for a 10 per cent reduction in soybeans and 20 per cent in peanuts. These crops were expanded sharply during the war to supplement supplies of fats and oils which were reduced by Japanese conquest of south Pacific sources.

End Not Sighted

"The end of the war has not brought an end to the almost unlimited need for American food," the secretary said in his announcement last night. "The 1946 goals indicate a pattern of production which provides continued high output of those commodities for which wartime demand is continuing and shifts toward peacetime levels for others.

Other commodities for which smaller production was recommended included: potatoes 5 per cent; rice 7; dry peas 10; burley tobacco 10; and truck crops, 1 per cent for the fresh market and 4 per cent for processing.

Family Given Details Of Vesper Soldier's Heroism

Details on the death of her son, Sgt. Douglas A. Conklin, and also the fact that he has been posthumously awarded the Bronze Star medal, have been received by Mrs. Emma Conklin of Vesper.

Sergeant Conklin was killed in action March 19, 1944 in western Europe. His wife, Ruth, now resides in Madison.

The citation, from the war department, reads as follows:

"For heroic achievement in combat March 4, 1944 in France, Sergeant Conklin volunteered to lead a combat patrol through his own unit's minefield. Instead of returning after he had accomplished his mission, he remained in an exposed position to wait for the patrol members to return so that he could guide them safely back through the mined area.

"As the patrol advanced into hostile territory, one of the soldiers exploded a mine, and the enemy opened fire. In his efforts to evacuate the casualty, the patrol's aid man headed straight for the friendly minefield. Exposing himself to heavy small arms and mortar fire, Sergeant Conklin dashed forward and assisted the aid man and his casualty in reaching a place of safety. By his courage and devotion to duty, he saved his comrades from injury and assured the wounded soldier prompt medical attention."

Admired Sergeant Conklin

Sergeant Conklin's bravery was described by the leader of the First platoon, Company C, 142nd Infantry, of which the Vesper soldier was a member—Lt. George H. Norton, Jr., who is now recuperating at Vaughn General hospital, Hines, Ill.

The lieutenant says, in part: "I believe Sergeant Conklin and I were hit on the same afternoon. I felt terrible sorry for Doug and many others who were transferred from other branches of the service to the infantry. Doug was one, however, who took it like a good soldier and proceeded to let us know that he wore stripes because he was capable and dependable.

"Doug was with us only a few days when I put him in charge of the third squad in our platoon.

"Once when in a defensive position, it was necessary to place some anti-personnel mines out in front of our lines. I asked for volunteers to do the job, which was a ticklish one, and Doug, then a new man, was the first to offer. He led the party out in front of his own lines to place the mines.

Through Mine Field

"A few days later a combat patrol went through our lines to feel out the enemy. Doug offered to take that patrol safely through our own mine field, for he had seen where our own mines were placed. The combat patrol was pretty badly mauled, but Doug stayed right out there, and directed their return to our own lines. He was not ordered to do this and for this action I recommended him for decoration for valor beyond the call of duty. I never heard whether he received the award but you can be sure he deserved it.

"When we were both hit we were in the Wissembourg Gap, now reported to be the toughest spot in the Siegfried line. Doug was right in the thick of it, but he never showed anything but real 'guts.' We were being smothered by Jerry artillery and screaming mimies so those of us who escaped with wounds were plenty lucky.

"In a short time I learned to think a lot of Doug and I want his family to know what a fine fellow he was as a soldier."



SERGEANT CONKLIN

Plainfield

Lon Leavitt of Hurley visited at the homes of his nieces, Mrs. O. H. Everson and Mrs. Gertrude Hinc, Monday, and also at the Jack Worden home. He plans to go East soon to spend the winter with his children.

William Murray, former depot agent for the Soo Line, went to Minneapolis Tuesday to visit a few days before beginning his new job.

Mrs. Anna Cornwell left Sunday evening for Milwaukee, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Upham and family.

J. R. Wood left Sunday for a few days' business in Chicago and Milwaukee.

Ira Leavitt of Kenosha is spending a week with his sisters, Mrs. O. H. Everson and Mrs. Gertrude Hinc and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown received word Sunday that their son, Paul, has been discharged, and will be home soon.

Mrs. Mayme Schofield and son, Robert, went to Detroit Saturday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Helmrick were called here by the serious illness of the latter's father, Bert Wilson, who was taken to the Riverview hospital in Wisconsin Rapids.

Mrs. Shirley Davis, who has been a nurse at Riverview hospital, resigned her position there, and is a guest in the home of her brother-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. H. Wisner.

Lewis and Clark were the first pathfinders to mark out a way from St. Louis to the mouth of the Columbia river.

Dellwood

Mrs. Sine Stormoen spent part of last week at the Melvin Strand home in New Lisbon. A son was born to the Strands November 7.

Mrs. Bert Marshall and daughter, Cheryl, of Quincy were guests at the Ollie Robinson home from Sunday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gage returned to their home in Elroy Friday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. Keller.

Mrs. Sophia Mashiemer was in Chicago several days last week. Downing Webb drove here from St. Louis, Mo., last week, and on his return trip was accompanied by his wife and daughter, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Sine Stormoen.

Miss Doris McCausland and her mother of Madison visited friends here Monday.

MINOR COLLISION

Cars driven by Dean DeKouchey, Route 1, Nekooza, and Marvin R. Nordstrum, 610 Twelfth street north, were slightly damaged about 8:15 this morning when they collided at the intersection of Oak and Second streets. No one was injured.

Capital Parley Wants U.S. Conciliation Service Stronger

BY JAMES MARLOW

Washington—(P)—The most positive step taken by the labor-management conference probably was its recommendation that the U. S. labor conciliation service be strengthened.

This was a sensible but not sensational recommendation. It won't mean a thing unless carried through. Labor and management may push it. Or the government, taking a hint, may try to do it.

The recommendation calls for good conciliators at good pay. Better pay would need congressional approval. A conciliator's job is to try to get management and labor to start talking again when they fall out.

Miracles Not Expected

No one expected miracles from the conference which began four weeks ago and broke up last night.

The conference was not expected at one stroke to wipe out current labor disputes. The conference made some recommendations which, if observed by all unions and bosses, would be a big help.

The conference, however, has no authority to force employers or unions to follow the recommendations.

On some of the most basic labor-management problems facing the country now, the conference could not agree.

So there was no conference recommendation on those points which went out the window:

Wages; fact-finding or other important new machinery for settling or preventing industrial disputes; equal responsibility of labor and management under the law; specifying management's rights, job and responsibilities; unionization of foremen; and deferment of the right to strike before orderly methods of settling a dispute have been exhausted.

Leaders Take Pride

Labor and management leaders seemed to take pride in the points upon which they agreed. It was, perhaps, an achievement that they jointly went on record for some of those points.

They recommended:

- Employers and unions should write into their contracts an agreement that there shall be no strikes or lockouts because of a dispute arising over the terms of a contract.
- Both sides should try to settle it peacefully and, if they can't, let some impartial umpire or arbitrator or board settle it. This would not be compulsory arbitration. Both sides would have to agree to this arrangement.
- An employer and a union should avoid strikes or lockouts

Burlington Scene of Freight Train Mishap

Burlington—(P)—Sixteen cars of a Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie freight train, bound from Chicago to Duluth, were derailed yesterday five miles north of here. No one was injured.

Rail traffic was routed over Milwaukee Road tracks while crews from Chicago and Fond du Lac worked to clear and repair rails.

The cars that left the track were near the head of the train. The locomotive remained on the rails.

PLEADS INNOCENT

Green Bay—(P)—Frank Alby, Jr., 29, of Ithaca, N. Y., pleaded innocent in circuit court Friday to a charge of first degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Richard Darr, 49, Abrams, Wis., in a Green Bay tavern November 3. Judge Henry Graess continued the case until December 3.

REPEALS DISCOUNT

Washington—(P)—The house passed and sent to the White house yesterday a bill to repeal the 50 per cent discount in railroad rates which the government now receives on the movement of goods and troops.

County Seat Notes

Realty Transfers

Weber Philip to E. W. Doering, lot in Marshfield.

Leo Pelot to Victor S. Sandman, lot in the town of Port Edwards.

Sarah Miller to Leo A. Miller, lot in Marshfield, together with buildings and improvements.

Albert Steger to William Mueller, part of two lots in Marshfield.

Frances Jobs to Ervin Haumschild, parcel of land in the town of Milladore.

INVESTIGATE REPORTS

Washington—(P)—The state department said yesterday it has sent three diplomats from the American embassy in Tehran to northern Iran to make a first-hand investigation of reports of an Iranian Separatist movement there.

Arpin

The Rev. E. A. Finn was a Sunday dinner guest at the Stanley Clapp home in Wisconsin Rapids. Balls were weekend guests at the Percy Whittingham home.

Miss Maxine Nelson of Marshfield spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nelson.

The Rev. and Mrs. Cook of Stratford were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Clouse. The Rev. Mr. Cook conducted the morning and evening services at the North Arpin Free church.

Sgt. Arlin DeBoer left Saturday for Clinton, Iowa, where he entered Schick General hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Leopold received word that a daughter was born Friday to their daughter and son-in-law at Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Huff left for Portland, Ore. after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Leopold.

MAY SUCCEED PARRI

Rome—(P)—Foreign Minister Alcide De Gasperi was invited by Crown Prince Umberto today to attempt to form an Italian government to succeed that of Ferruccio Parri, whose six-party coalition regime fell last week.

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Bette Davis Hastily Rearranges Marriage

Riverside, Calif.—(P)—Bette Davis, barred from an Episcopal wedding by the ruling of a bishop, hastily rearranged her plans and shifted the ceremony yesterday to St. Francis chapel in the historic Riverside Mission inn.

The wedding this afternoon (5:30 p. m., CST) of the actress and William Grant Sherry, an artist, was originally planned for the St. Mary's Episcopal church at Laguna Beach where the bridegroom resides.



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