

Postal Raise Vetoed by Ike

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—President Eisenhower vetoed an 8.6 per cent postal pay raise bill today and several senators said he has the votes to make it stick.

The test will come on Tuesday, when the Senate will vote on whether to override the veto.

Eisenhower, in apparent anticipation that he will be upheld, asked Congress in his veto message to "quickly consider and enact postal pay legislation that will be in the public interest and fair to all of the half-million employees who man the postal service."

Eisenhower, who has indicated a 7.6 per cent raise would be as much as he would approve, said the rejected bill failed to meet the criteria of fairness, workability and reasonableness in cost. He specified:

"1. It discriminates against large groups of postal workers such as rural letter carriers, special delivery messengers, and many supervisors and postmasters. These total tens of thousands.

"2. Aside from creating new and serious administrative problems, the total cost of the bill, approximately 180 million dollars a year, is substantially greater than is necessary to adjust postal salaries to a fair level, either from the standpoint of pay for comparable work or from the standpoint of increase in the cost of living."

While Eisenhower has vetoed many bills since he became President, most of them, minor ones, Tuesday's vote will mark the first attempt to override him.

The bill Eisenhower vetoed would have added 179 million dollars plus to the Post Office Department payroll of some two billion dollars. Pay raises would start at 7 per cent. Benefits from job reclassifications would boost the average to 8.6 per cent, and fringe increases would make the total effect 8.8 per cent.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), the Senate Democratic leader, declined to predict how the vote to override might come out, but two minority leaders, Sens. Knowland (R-Calif.) and Saltonstall (R-Mass.), said the veto would be upheld.

So did Sen. A. Willis Robertson (D-Va.), who forecast quick passage of a bill acceptable to Eisenhower. Sen. Edward J. Thye (R-Minn.) said he questioned whether there would be enough votes to override in the Senate, which has almost as many Republicans as Democrats.

Hopes Dim On Vaccine Shipments

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—A series of official and unofficial statements today dashed hopes for an early resumption of Salk vaccine shipments to keep the nation's antipolio campaign going.

A spokesman for the U.S. Public Health Service, which controls release of the vaccine from manufacturers, reported that it will be at least next week before any shipments are resumed.

Eli Lilly Co. of Indianapolis, in another statement, said it did not expect government approval of any more of its vaccine before May 29, and that its scientists have decided on further tests because of the "public hysteria."

Sees Five Week Delay
Rep. Harley O. Staggers (D-WVa) said he has been told that clearance procedures for vaccine manufacturers conceivably could delay full-scale resumption of inoculations as much as four or five weeks.

Staggers added he had assurances from the "highest competent public health authorities" that there is nothing to worry about in the immunization program.

Humphrey Accuses
In the Senate, however, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn) accused the Public Health Service of arousing "grave public concern" by its "in and out, up and down" handling of the program. He also said he has information indicating that the Salk vaccine being produced for the antipolio campaign is not precisely the same as that used in last year's successful tests.

Won't Withdraw Son
Humphrey, who holds a pharmacist's degree, said he has been "delving into this," but that he has no intention of withdrawing his 7-year-old son, Douglas, from the immunization program. The Humphrey boy has had his first shot.

Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, surgeon general and head of the Public Health Service, reported previously that the use of merthiolate as a preservative in the vaccine has been discontinued this year to increase immunization, particularly over the No. 1 type of polio. Humphrey did not mention merthiolate.

General's Statement Rebuked by Twining

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force chief of staff, issued a public rebuke to one of his generals today for saying, "the Russian air force is currently at least as good as ours, possibly better."

Twining told reporters the officer, Brig. Gen. Woodbury M. Burgess, deputy chief of staff for intelligence in the Continental Air Defense Command, "did not tell the truth."

Burgess made the statement in a speech to an American Legion post in Detroit last night. He said America has been underestimating the Russians.

Asked whether discipline is in store for Burgess, Twining said, "I certainly will talk to him."

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)
After drawing a rebuke from his chief, Brig. Gen. Woodbury M. Burgess of Air Force Intelligence denied today he had said Russia's air force is as good or better than America's.

Burgess' denial was relayed to newsmen by Chairman Chavez (D-N.M.) and Sen. Saltonstall (R-Mass.) of a Senate Appropriations subcommittee. There was no word from Burgess himself and the Air Force said there would be none.

At one point he said Burgess "was a brigadier general"—accusing the "was" but later said he was just joking.

Twining and Secretary of the Air Force Talbot talked to reporters after a closed-door appearance before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee.

Surprised at Fears
Both said they were surprised at American fears of Russian airpower. These fears were stirred anew last week by a report put out by the Air Force itself. The report described a parade over Moscow of powerful new jet bombers and fighters.

Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.), suggested at the time that the purpose of the report was perhaps to impress Congress with the necessity to be liberal with money for American air power. The military budget is now pending in Congress.

Talbot Responsible
Talbot said today, in response to questions, that he was responsible for the report. He explained that he released the information because it had already been published in London and, "I thought the American people should know the facts."
Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.),

House Stalls Eisenhower Military Bill

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—The House got tangled today in a quarrel over racial segregation and the result was an indefinite delay for President Eisenhower's urgent program to strengthen the military reserves.

Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.), whose parliamentary tactics prevented almost certain defeat for a bill carrying out the program, indicated it may be three weeks or more before backers consider bringing up the measure again.

The bill, supported by the President and leaders of both parties, provides for a two million-man expansion in the organized reserves by 1960, largely through a new six-month training program for teen-age volunteers.

On Wednesday, the House tentatively adopted an amendment by Rep. Adam C. Powell (D-N.Y.) prohibiting the assignment or enlistment of men in National Guard and reserve units practicing racial discrimination. The vote was 126-87.

Then, in today's climatic vote, the House rejected a Vinson substitute knocking out the Powell amendment. The vote was 167-143.

Both sides agreed that the anti-segregation amendment threatened to give opponents of the bill enough support from southern congressmen to virtually kill it, by sending it back to the Armed Services Committee.

A motion by Rep. Clare E. Hoffmann (R-Mich.) failed, 143-167, to kill the measure outright.

who was secretary of the Air Force under President Truman, has raised questions about the relative strength of American and Russian air power.

Torrential Rains Hit Southwest

DALLAS, Tex., May 19 (AP)—Lightning killed four Texas schoolboys and floods swept four states today as torrential rains drenched the dust bowl area of the Southwest.

Trinidad, Colo., was hit by its worst flood in history, but nowhere was there a threat of a major disaster.

The rains caused momentary misery to hundreds of families, chased out of homes by quick-rising creeks and rivers—led by as much as 15 inches of rain in some places in Texas.

But they brought more hope than suffering to the spawning grounds of dust storms. Water supplies in scores of cities were replenished and subsoil dry for years was soaked.

In Texas, State Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said the heavy rains turned the outlook for crops this year from "dismal failure" to "fairly good."

The weather bureau said you couldn't call the cloudbursts over New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas and Texas a drought breaker. But they certainly put a dent in the dry spell.

Mayors Hear Gruenther, Harriman

NEW YORK, May 19 (AP)—The nation's mayors lent an ear to problems both at home and abroad today and heard:

1. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther asserted Russia's current "sweetness and light" is aimed at banning atomic weapons and to keep Germany from contributing to the Western military alliance.

2. Gov. Averell Harriman argued that rural areas exert too much influence in the affairs of their states, at the expense of the cities.

Gruenther, supreme commander of the Allied Forces in Europe, made a flying trip from Paris to tell the United States Conference of Mayors the West could not prevent the overrunning of Europe without German military support and unless "we can use the atomic bomb."

A-bomb Adds Balance
Gruenther said the A-bomb is the one weapon in the West's arsenal that helps balance the military equation.

Urging the mayors not to fall victim to Communist propaganda, Gruenther said of the A-bomb: "It would be folly to throw it away."

Harriman, in a critical mood, said his own New York and other states suffer "perpetual under-representation of our cities in the state legislatures."

"I am not suggesting we do not give rural communities adequate representation in at least one of the two houses," he added, "but not to the point where they really dominate the legislature."

Advocate Representation
The Democratic governor warned that unless the states pay more attention to their cities' problems the cities will turn increasingly to the federal government for help—"a step backward."

Nehru to Make Tour

NEW DELHI (AP)—The Foreign Ministry announced today that Prime Minister Nehru will make a six-day tour of Yugoslavia at the end of June.

Red Leaders Fear East German Revolt

BONN, Germany (AP)—Communist leaders fear a new anti-Red revolt—similar to the June 17, 1953, uprising—may flare in East Germany, according to West German intelligence authorities.

The East German Communist regime has ordered strict new security measures in an effort to keep public discontent under control, these sources said today.

Worsening economic conditions, the forthcoming Big Four conference to discuss German unity and signing of the independence treaty to free Austria from foreign occupation have increased unrest among East Germany's 18 million people, they said.

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Drugs for Polio Seen by Francis

CHICAGO, May 19 (AP)—The author of the Salk polio vaccine report said today he believes the taking of drugs may be more practical than vaccination in coping with virus diseases, such as polio.

Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., of the University of Michigan, said it is likely the future will disclose that many diseases which now baffle science are caused by viruses. He addressed the Illinois State Medical Society.

There is some evidence, he said, that some cancer and some forms of heart disease have a viral origin.

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