

# Pressure on Ike To Sign Ag Bill

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Democratic leaders and two of the three major farm organizations turned the pressure on President Dwight D. Eisenhower today to sign a farm bill he doesn't like.

Praise for the legislation, which cleared both houses of Congress yesterday, came from Adlai Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, the two leading candidates for the

Democratic presidential nomination.

In the Senate, Lyndon Johnson of Texas, the Democratic majority leader, said, "I hope the President will ignore the pleas of those who are urging him to use the club in the White House closet."

But Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson has labeled the bill as "unacceptable," and many administration lieutenants in Congress predict Eisenhower will veto it rather than accept its return to high, rigid price supports for basic crops.

The National Farmers Union wired Eisenhower at Augusta, Ga., where he is playing golf between bill and "fire" Benson. The National Grange declared farmers would lose badly needed relief this year unless the bill became law.

The third big agricultural group, the American Farm Bureau Federation, disagreed. It said in a statement last night enactment of the measure would mean a "return to the discredited programs that contributed to much of the present glutted market situation."

James C. Hagerty, the President's press secretary, said Eisenhower "still does not think the bill meets the test of a good bill." Hagerty added the President never makes up his mind about legislation until it is on his desk and that he probably will not reach a decision until his return to Washington next week.

In a telegram addressed to Eisenhower at the Augusta National Golf Club, James G. Pattan, president of the Farmers Union, said the farm bill would "add nearly three billion dollars to farm income in 1956."

## Bomb Test Halt Urged By Murray

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Atomic Energy Commissioner Thomas E. Murray said today the United States ought to stop testing big H-bombs, regardless of what Russia does.

"We should not wait for the establishment of an international control agency," he told a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee which is studying various disarmament proposals.

Murray ran into critical questions from Sens. Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky) and John W. Bricker (R-Ohio).

The commissioner, an appointee of President Truman who has frequently been a one-man minority on the five-member Atomic Energy Commission, called for:

1. A limit on the size and number of thermonuclear, or hydrogen bombs to be placed in the American stockpile. He said he was actuated by both moral principles and the question of military usefulness.

2. More emphasis on a wide range of very small nuclear, or atomic, weapons which would support "a theory of moderate and discriminating use of forces against all aggression, including aggression that may be minor in degree."

## Hagerty Blasts Truman For Slap at Eisenhower

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 12 (AP)—A White House official slapped back at former President Harry S. Truman today for calling President Dwight D. Eisenhower a "do-nothing" chief executive guilty of "political betrayal."

The official, press secretary James C. Hagerty, also announced that Eisenhower will launch his re-election campaign with a speech to 800 Republican leaders at a Washington dinner next Tuesday evening.

"It will be a political speech," Hagerty said with a smile. He added that he did not know whether it would be carried nationwide on television and radio.

Hagerty's rejoinder to Truman's characterization of Eisenhower as a "do-nothing" president was this: "I don't believe that Mr. Truman, by his own standards, can recognize accomplishment when he sees it."

The statement came as Eisenhower continued a vacation mixed with work at the Augusta National Golf Club. The President's

son John, an Army major, arrived from Washington today for the weekend.

Father and son teamed up on the golf course this afternoon after the President had put in more work on a major foreign policy address he will make in Washington April 21 at the annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Democratic dinner in Des Moines, Iowa, Truman cut loose with his sharpest criticism of Eisenhower to date. He said the President "deserves to be rejected by the people just as the Republican-controlled 80th Congress was, because he is a do-nothing President just as the 80th Congress was a do-nothing Congress."

## Death Drive Testimony To Continue

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C., April 12 (AP)—A high Marine Corps official promised today there will be no "whitewashing" in connection with an inquiry into the death of six recruits who perished on a forced night march last Sunday.

Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Burger, Parris Island post commander, told reporters, "We are making a thorough investigation. There will be no whitewashing of anything this court of inquiry finds out or recommends."

Burger spoke shortly after attending memorial services for the six recruits at the post chapel. The flag-draped bodies had been sent to their families by a chartered plane some two hours earlier.

Burger is sitting with a court of inquiry which launched a painstaking probe of the ill-fated trek into nearby marshlands ordered by S. Sgt. Mathew C. McKeon, 31-year-old drill instructor.

McKeon, of Worcester, Mass., said he ordered 78 recruits to make the march into the murky nearby swamplands "to teach the platoon discipline." Burger said McKeon did not have authority to order the march.

### Army Issues Draft Call

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—The Defense Department today issued a draft call for 12,000 men in June for the Army.

This will bring to 2,044,430 the total of men drafted since the start of the Korean War. The draft call for May was 12,000, for April 6000.

The Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force made no request for draftees in the June quota.

## Leader Signs Bill For Slum Clearance

HARRISBURG, April 12 (AP)—Gov. George M. Leader today signed into law a 5 million dollar appropriation that could become the basis of a 30 million dollar slum clearance program.

Cities or counties who organize a redevelopment authority are eligible for the funds on a matching basis. The federal government puts up double what ever is put up at the state and local levels.

"Our efforts in industrial development cannot be successful unless they are accompanied by a broad program of civic improvement for which an urban renewal program is a vital element," Leader declared.

"We need to make our communities as attractive as possible in light of the keen competition for new industry."

The urban redevelopment program is separate from five million dollars which the Legislature has approved for industrial development in distressed areas. That measure awaits the signature of Speaker Hiran G. Andrews (D-Cambria) before reaching his desk.

A ceiling of \$500,000 is imposed in allocations for each Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and \$350,000 for Scranton. No ceiling is listed for any other municipality.

The ceilings continued until next Jan. 1. After that, all unallocated money will be put out without respect to limitations.

### Jewish Greeks Schedule Services

In observance of Greek Week, members of the Jewish sororities and fraternities will attend Sabbath Eve services at the Hillel Foundation at 8 tonight. Members of Zeta Beta Tau will participate in the service and serve as hosts at the Oneg Shabbat to follow.

Members of the Wesley Foundation will meet at 8 tonight at the Wesley Foundation for a bowling party.

The Lutheran Student Association will hold a discussion at 7 tonight on C. S. Lewis's book, *Mere Christianity*. A foot soccer game and refreshments will follow.

### President Asks Congress

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower today asked Congress for another 20 million dollars for Small Business Administration loans for flood relief.

## GOP Victory Is Forecasted In New Book

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP)—The combination of prosperity and a president who mirrors the U.S. "craving for tranquility and moderation" points to a probable Republican victory in this year's national elections, Samuel Lubell, political analyst, says in his new book.

Voters with middle-of-the-road desires hold the balance of power, he believes.

Lubell calls his book "The Revolt of the Moderates." This also explains, in part Dwight D. Eisenhower's popularity. The analyst says—

"The essential quality of his leadership has lain in the skill and faithfulness with which he has followed the public temper. Throughout his presidency, Eisenhower has been the understudy for the people themselves."

Prosperity having been maintained in this administration, the Republican party is now in a much stronger position, he says.

## Delta Sigma Pi Initiates 22

Delta Sigma Pi, international business fraternity has tapped 22 men for initiation this semester.

Requirements for admission to the fraternity are a 2.5 All-University average.

The following men have been tapped: Stephen Brown, Richard Cloud, Robert Dawson, Joseph Ericson, Richard Evans, Donn Frazier, Saylor Fultz Jr., Joseph Hyson, Robert Koehler, Albert Maxson, Edward Newton.

Howard Nuss, Thomas Rapach, Donovan Roush, Alastair Rutherford, Israel Schwab, Paul Schwab, Donald Shaner, Thomas Vincent, Melvin Waxham, John Weaver, and Charles Zandt.

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