

Congress Nears Passage Of Civil Rights Laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress moved two steps closer yesterday toward passage of new civil rights legislation, but the end appeared to be weeks away.

The House Rules Committee, which has been taking its time since last August, agreed informally to clear a bill for House consideration.

The Senate Rules Committee received a bill from its chairman, Sen. Thomas C. Hennings Jr. (D-Mo), designed to help Southern Negroes vote with the aid of federal officials.

Hennings, however, sent word he was ill and asked that action on his measure be delayed.

House consideration may come next month, with March 10 a likely starting day for debate.

The House committee acted under pressure. About 209 members of the House were reported to have signed a petition that would take the legislation away from the committee for direct action. Only 10 more signatures would be needed.

The bill the House will get would make it a federal crime to oppose court orders for racial integration of schools by force or threats of force. It would also require preservation of local voting records, give the FBI a freer hand in checking on bombings, and provide schooling for children of servicemen stationed in areas where public schools were closed to avoid mingling of Negro and white pupils.

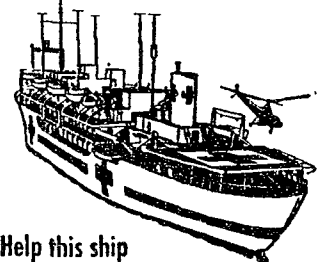
Amendments to broaden and tighten the bill probably will be permitted under the parliamentary situation in which it will reach the House.

Chessman Loses Appeal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The California Supreme Court—by a 4-3 vote—yesterday rejected Caryl Chessman's appeal to recommend clemency to Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

Brown said Chessman must die in San Quentin's gas chamber Friday unless the State Supreme Court takes some further action.

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Welcome Set For Khrushchev Flare In South

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev seems assured the biggest welcome of his South Asian tour on his arrival in Indonesia late today.

Though the atmosphere is tinged with neutralist caution, the government ordered a big turnout.

Indonesian officials forecast a million people would line the route from the airport to President Sukarno's palace.

Loudspeaker cars broadcast a call for workers to be given time off to cheer School classes were canceled Free bus and train service was arranged to haul in thousands of persons from the countryside.

The Soviet Premier brings his coexistence campaign to this strategically situated, semisocialist island nation after a week in India and Burma, where he showed little of his usual bounce

Behind all the official enthusiasm here are signs that Indonesian leaders want to prevent Khrushchev's tour from being used by the Communists for cold-war propaganda.

New Sino-Philippine Pact

TOKYO (AP) — Morio Yukawa, Japanese ambassador to the Philippines, heads a five-man team opening negotiations in Manila yesterday toward Japan's first treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation with the islands.

Racial Tensions Flare In South

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) — Racial tensions triggered by Negro efforts to gain admission to white lunch counters flared again yesterday in demonstrations at a suburban shopping center and a Negro high school.

Police broke up a crowd of more than 500 persons at the Mid-City Shopping Center, scene of violence Tuesday, with the arrest of between 25 and 30 youths, both white and Negro.

Shortly after the milling crowd had been dispersed, more officers were sent to Norcom High School about a quarter of a mile away, to halt a demonstration by several hundred Negro students during which several bricks were hurled at a police car.

U.S., British Agree On Radar Station

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States and Britain have agreed to build near the English east coast a huge, superpowered radar station capable of detecting Soviet ballistic missiles shortly after they are launched deep inside the Soviet Union.

The agreement was announced yesterday in Washington and London. It was concluded through an exchange of notes in London and navigation with the islands.

Rocket Ship X15 Makes First Steep Power Dive

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — The rocket ship X15 made its first steep power dive yesterday, a nearly vertical descent that subjected test pilot Scott Crossfield to pull-out pressure more than six times the force of gravity.

Congress Hears Payola Confession

WASHINGTON (AP) — House investigators yesterday unfolded the payola confessions of a disenchanted disc jockey who said he had quit his job in shame after collecting \$9955 in secret payoffs.

"I am ashamed of myself," Norman Prescott, a former record player in Boston, said. "I was ashamed of the industry, and I walked away from it for that reason."

Prescott's testimony, complete with confessions that he had accepted payola from Boston record distributors for three years, was given Feb. 8 behind closed doors to the House Legislative Oversight subcommittee. Transcripts were made public yesterday.

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