

# Eisenhower Vetoes Water Pollution Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower, as expected, vetoed yesterday a bill to boost from \$500 million to \$900 million federal aid for the next 10 years in controlling pollution of the country's rivers and other streams.

Eisenhower agreed that "polluted water is a threat to the health and well-being of all our citizens" But he said it is "a uniquely local blight" and the federal government should provide only "modest financial assistance" in combating it.

The federal government's principal role, as Eisenhower sees it, is in research, technical assistance and dealing with interstate water pollution problems beyond the power of a single state to handle.

The House, in which the bill originated, immediately made plans to vote tomorrow on overriding the veto. House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts conceded, however, that it will be an uphill fight to muster the two-thirds majority required to override it.

McCormack said that if the bill's backers can get some Republican votes, it could be pretty close. Democrats are hopeful this will happen. They say some Republicans may not want to vote against a bill containing money for municipalities throughout the country.

Under the bill, the limit of the government grant for any project would be \$450,000 or 30 per cent of the over-all cost, whichever is smaller. The present limit is \$250,000 or 30 per cent.

Backers of the bill say the extra money is needed because two-thirds of the people get their drinking water from sources into which are discharged disease-carrying bacteria, viruses and toxic material.

# Cuba Asks Negotiations With U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — American officials see a catch in Havana's new proposal for U.S.-Cuban negotiations. They decided yesterday to study it carefully before replying.

The Cuban proposal, handed to the U.S. Embassy in Havana Monday, said Cuba has decided to name a commission to go to Washington at a mutually agreeable time to negotiate on matters pending between Cuba and the United States.

The catch is a Cuban demand which would commit the United States in advance not to change its sugar buying system while the talks are going on, unless Cuba consented.

Cuba gets \$150 million premium for its sugar sold to Uncle Sam under the present law. The law is up for renewal this year, and moves are under way in Congress to hit back at Cuba's Fidel Castro regime for its anti-U.S. line.

U.S. diplomats, while welcoming the idea of negotiating on the many frictions between Washington and Havana, could not agree to this sugar system demand. If they did, their bargaining power would be hamstrung at the negotiations. And the administration has no power to commit Congress to a course of action.

This government wants to talk about seizure of U.S. property in Cuba, restrictions against U.S. exports to that country and the Castro regime's vilification of the United States. The Cuban note listed no specific topics.

## Manufacturers Adamant

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate investigators were told yesterday that if the profits of drug manufacturers were wiped out completely, consumers "would hardly notice the difference in prices."

# Court Orders Negro Leaders' Fines Revoked

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court struck down yesterday the convictions of two Arkansas leaders of the National Assn. for Advancement of Colored People who refused to bare NAACP membership rolls and list contributors.

The court said the two NAACP leaders, fined \$25 each under Little Rock and North Little Rock city ordinances, could not be punished for refusing to produce information which the municipalities could not constitutionally require.

Daisy Bates, state NAACP president, was convicted under a Little Rock ordinance which imposes an annual license tax on a broad variety of business, occupations, and professions. Birdie Williams, president of the North Little Rock branch, was convicted under an identical ordinance.

Justice Potter Stewart, speaking for a unanimous court, said the two municipalities had "failed to demonstrate a controlling justification for the deterrence of free association which compulsory disclosure of the membership list would cause."

—While some men battle their way to the top, others bottle their way to the bottom.

# Dirksen Defends National Defense

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R.-Ill.), accused Democrats yesterday of falsely picturing President Eisenhower as worshipping "an iridescent dollar sign in the sky" at the expense of national defense.

In polite but pungent language, Dirksen, the Senate Republican leader, took Sen. Stuart Symington (D.-Mo.) to task for saying the Republican administration had been "willing to juggle the intelligence books to balance the budget books."

# Dynamite Blast Found Cause Of Air Tragedy

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dynamite explosion set off by a dry cell battery was blamed yesterday in the airliner tragedy which killed a heavily insured New York lawyer, Julian A. Frank, and 33 others Jan. 6 in North Carolina.

The finding was reported by Chairman James R. Durfee of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

He told the Senate Aviation subcommittee the explosion occurred near a seat occupied by Frank, who carried insurance policies of about a million dollars.

Durfee added that questions "which relate to possible criminal charges are still under investigation" and the CAB was not at this time making a formal determination of probable cause.

Criminal charges could not be brought against any aboard the plane—they all died.

The FBI said in response to an inquiry that it still is investigating the accident. Officials declined comment on Durfee's testimony.

Durfee's interim report said it was obvious that Frank's body, peculiarly injured, left the National Airlines plane several minutes before the bulk of the wreckage hit the ground.

He announced a public hearing on the accident will be held at Wilmington, N.C., March 22.

## 6 Arrested in Racial Riot

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Interracial fighting broke out yesterday as Negro students stepped up their demonstrations against segregated lunch counters.

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