

Morton Stops Morse Try To End Senate Debate

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — A move by Sen. Wayne Morse (D.-Ore.) to limit the marathon Senate civil rights debate was blocked temporarily last night when Sen. Thurston B. Morton (R.-Ky.) tore up the cloture petition.

Morse, after a bristling exchange with Sen. Lister Hill (D.-Ala.) who was speaking for Southerners opposed to the bill, announced he would attempt to limit debate by filing a cloture petition, a move requiring signatures of 16 senators on the petition.

Morton, chairman of the Republican National Committee and acting as Republican leader at the time, waited until Morse had deposited his petition at the clerk's desk for other senators to sign.

Then after reading it, Morton carefully tore it to pieces and dropped it on the Senate floor.

Called from the Senate floor to ask what had happened, Morton told a reporter: "Yes, I tore it up."

"If we are to have cloture, I don't want it to come from a turncoat," Morton said.

He referred to the fact that Morse, a former Republican, had quit the GOP, and after a brief time as an independent, became a Democrat.

Morton called Morse's petition effort an obvious grandstand play. He said it was one of many Morse had staged late at night.

Morton said Morse had no right to file the petition under Senate rules and "I had a certain right to do it." His reference was to his tearing up of the petition.

Pentagon Accused of Vast Waste

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional staff report yesterday accused the Defense Department of vast and avoidable waste costing the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

The report was written by specialists employed by the Senate House Economic Committee. They pictured a stubborn and built-in resistance in the armed services to corrective steps. There was no immediate comment from the Pentagon.

Year after year, the report said, the Defense Department sells off billions of dollars worth of surplus items at bargain prices from which the government gets back less than two cents on the dollar.

The report also said a check completed last June 30 showed 35 per cent of the military supply system inventory "was in excess of the needs of the military to perform their peacetime functions or for their mobilization reserves."

Pope Broadens Cardinal Group

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John XXIII is broadening the racial make-up of the Roman Catholic College of Cardinals. He named the first Negro, the first Filipino, and the first Japanese along with four other prelates yesterday to become princes of the church.

The new cardinals—designate will receive the red hats of their rank at a pre-Easter consistory here March 28.

The appointments, which will bring the college's membership to a record total of 85, underscored the expanding universality of the Roman Catholic Church. Its membership now totals half a billion, about a fifth of the world's population.

The March 28 consistory is the third called by Pope John since he became supreme pontiff 16 months ago.

Michigan Governor

DETROIT (AP) — With "heavy heart" Gov. G. Mennen Williams announced last night that his 12-year reign as governor of Michigan is ending.

Racial Outbreaks Rise in Columbia

By The Associated Press

Demonstrations to break down racial barriers in the South grew in size and duration in Columbia, S.C., yesterday, but a threatened walkout of 1000 students from an Alabama Negro college failed to develop.

Extreme cold blanketing much of the Southland undoubtedly was a factor in limiting activities of Negroes seeking access to previously white lunch counters.

About 200 young Negroes, mostly from Allen University and Benedict College, took part in a Columbia, S.C., demonstration. For nearly two hours they marched around in the three-block downtown area.

The marching Negroes—and 20 heckling white youths—left at the request of City Manager Irving McNayr who said he wanted to avoid "an explosive situation."

—A dead person may vote, legally, if he mails an absentee ballot and then dies before election day.

Khrushchev Will Visit Africa for First Time

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has accepted an invitation to visit Liberia, Tass news agency announced last night. It would be the widely traveled Khrushchev's first venture into Africa.

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